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MANOR OF ASTON LOCAL BOARD.

THE

First Annual Report

OF THE

FREE LIBRARIES
COMMITTEE.

February 4, 1878 to March 25, 1879.

ASTON:

PRINTED FOR THE FREE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, BY
R. EDWARDS, LIONEL STREET, BIRMINGHAM.

Manor of Aston Free Libraries Committee.

1878-9.

MR. JOHN HARVEY, M.D., CHAIRMAN.

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MR. J. H. STONE.

Honorary Secretary :

MR. JOSEPH ANSELL.

Librarian :

MR. ROBERT K. DENT.

Upon the re-appointment of the Committee, April 17, 1879, Mr. W. BENNETT, Mr. W. UNITE, and the Rev. F. SMITH were appointed to fill the places left vacant by the resignation of Messrs. A. J. ALLBUTT, E. EVANS, and J. H. STONE.

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MANOR OF ASTON

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

First Annual Report,

FROM FEBRUARY 4, 1878, TO MARCH 25, 1879.

In accordance with the resolution of a public meeting of the ratepayers of the Manor of Aston, held May 15th, 1877, in favour of adopting the Free Libraries Act, a rate of 1d. in the £ was levied, and produced £457 10s. 4d. On the 11th of October, Mr. R. K. Dent was appointed Librarian, to enter upon his duties on the 1st of January, 1878; and the selection and purchase of books having been completed, and other arrangements made for the fitting-up of a temporary lending department at the Local Board Offices, this department was opened February 4th.

In selecting the books the Committee endeavoured (while making the necessary provision for the readers of light literature) to provide at the same time a representative collection of standard works in every department of knowledge, including a few expensive books, usually found only in reference libraries, such as Freeman's *Norman Conquest*, Dr. William Smith's *Dictionary of the Bible*, Farrar's *Life of Christ*, Canova's Works, Lacroix's *Arts in the Middle Ages*,

Froude's *History of England*, Catlin's *North American Indians*, and many of the most popular recent works of travel, etc. The result has been the attraction to the Library of a class of borrowers who do not as a rule make use of free lending libraries. Acting on the same principle, the Committee have since obtained copies of other recent works of general interest, as Stanley's *Through the Dark Continent*, Nares' *Voyage to the Polar Seas*, etc. A complete set of the *Illustrated London News* has also been purchased, with a view to a future Reference Department.

In consequence of the increasing demand for books during the year, more than a thousand additional volumes have been purchased since the opening of the Library, including a number of duplicate copies of the books most in demand.

During the earlier part of last year, great inconvenience being felt on account of the crowded state of the room used as a Library, the Committee obtained plans for the erection of a temporary building in the neighbourhood of the Six Ways, but were unable to carry out their project, owing to the limited income yielded by the Library rate. An improvement was effected, however, in the room already occupied, by the addition of an adjoining apartment, thus affording a convenient ante-room for the accommodation of the borrowers. This much-needed improvement was kindly undertaken on behalf of the Committee by the Local Board.

The Committee have taken into consideration the desirability of opening a News-room in the Manor, but owing to the probability of the Free Libraries Department of the

Public Buildings being completed within a reasonable period, and to the difficulty of obtaining suitable accommodation, and finding that the cost of maintaining a News-room, apart from the Library would encroach very largely upon the resources of the latter, they have deferred the consideration of the matter until a more favourable opportunity presents itself.

In September last, the Committee resolved to subscribe for the principal current periodical literature, and to issue the same to borrowers, allowing three days for perusal. This feature of the Library has proved of considerable attraction, as will be seen from the table which appears on page 9. It is believed that by this provision the ratepayers are afforded opportunities such as are not enjoyed by the borrowers at any other Free Library in the kingdom.

In all cases, fines have been most cheerfully paid, and all books injured or lost by borrowers (with one exception) have been replaced or paid for without the necessity of making application to the guarantor.

A new plan was introduced for the renewal of books without re-entry, (by the issue of a numbered and dated check) and has been found to work satisfactorily ; it enables the borrower to obtain one week's extension of time without the trouble of bringing the book to the Library for that purpose, and at the same time enables the Librarian to keep a record of the number of volumes so renewed.

Many valuable gifts of books have been received during the year, for which the Committee beg to express their cordial thanks to the respective donors ; a list of the various donations is appended to this report.

In conclusion, the Committee have pleasure in calling attention to the small cost at which the Library has been managed ; as, deducting the value of the stock of books, (about £500,) the cost of establishment and working expenses for the fourteen months during which the Library has been in existence, will only amount to about £230.

Tables of issues, ages and occupations of borrowers, receipts and expenditure, examples of issues, and other information respecting the work of the Library, will be found in the succeeding pages.

JOHN HARVEY, M.D.,
Chairman.

LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN, FOR ISSUE TO BORROWERS.

All the Year Round	Gentleman's Magazine.
Argosy	Good Words
Belgravia	Leisure Hour
Blackwood's Magazine	London Society
Cassell's Magazine	Macmillan's Magazine
Chambers's Journal	Nineteenth Century
Contemporary Review	Quiver
Cornhill Magazine	Sunday at Home
Fortnightly Review	Sunday Magazine
Fraser's Magazine	Temple Bar

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

MARCH 25, 1879.

Theology and Moral Philosophy	-	-	-	215
Biography, History, Topography, Voyages and Travels				428
Law, Political Economy, Social Science, etc.	-	-	-	36
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	-	-	-	243
Abridgments of Patent Specifications	-	-	-	101
Poetry and the Drama	-	-	-	175
Fiction	-	-	-	1503
Miscellaneous Literature	-	-	-	362
Magazines, Reviews, etc.	-	-	-	707
Juvenile Literature	-	-	-	280
TOTAL				4050

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Among the books added to the Library since the printing of the Catalogue, are the following :

Barnes's Notes on the New Testament ; Life and Work of Christ, by Geikie ; Lectures on Preaching, by Dale ; Eternal Hope, by Farrar.

Life and Times of John Bright, by Robertson ; Life of Prince Bismark, by Görlach ; Last Journals of Dr. Livingstone ; Autobiography of Harriet Martineau ; Life in Abyssinia, by Parkyns ; The Great Thirst Land, by Gillmore ; Through the Dark Continent, by Stanley ; The Threshold of the Unknown Region, by Markham ; Voyage to the Polar Sea, by Nares ; History of the Corporation of Birmingham, by Bunce, vol. 1 ; Old and New Birmingham, section 1 ; Chaucer's England, by Browne ; Notes on England, by Taine ; Memories of our Great Towns, by Doran ; The Races of Mankind, by Brown ; The *Daily News* Correspondence on the Russo-Turkish War ; Turkey in Europe, by Baker.

Education as a Science, by Bain ; Democracy in America, by De Tocqueville.

The Animal Creation, by Rymer Jones ; Arms and Armour, by Boutell ; The Descent of Man, by Darwin ; Electricity and Magnetism, by Jenkin ; The Amateur's Flower Garden, by Hibberd ; Health and Life, by Richardson ; Town Geology, by Kingsley ; Utilization of Sewage, by Corfield.

The Aldine Edition of the English Poets, 52 vols. ; Goethe's Faust, translated by Auster ; The Works of Tennyson, complete in one vol.

Recent Novels, by Harrison Ainsworth, Mrs Alexander, L. M. Alcott, W. Black, R. D. Blackmore, M. E. Braddon, F. H. Burnett, Wilkie Collins, Mrs. Craik, T. Hardy, Victor Hugo, H. Kingsley, Justin McCarthy, George MacDonald, Florence Marryat, Helen Mathers, Mrs. Oliphant, J. Payn, Hawley Smart, Anthony Trollope, and Edmund Yates ; also sets of Novels by Geo. Lawrence and Miss J. Robinson.

Punch Cartoons, (Beaconsfield, Bright, and Gladstone) ; Cyclopædia of Rural Sports, by Blaine ; A Book of the Play, by Dutton Cook ; English Men of Letters, 7 vols. ; Gleanings of Past Years, by the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone ; Hood's Own, 2 vols. ; Music of the Future, by Hueffer ; Prose Idylls, by Kingsley ; History of the Inductive Sciences, by Whewell, 3 vols. ; Exeter Hall Lectures, 13 vols.

Recent volumes of various Magazines (in continuation of sets) ; Illustrated London News, from commencement to June, 1877 ; Quarterly Review, from commencement to October, 1875 ; Tinsley's Magazine, 17 vols. ; Belgravia, from commencement to 1878.

About 120 vols. of recent Juvenile Literature.

TABLES OF ISSUES.

From February, 1878 to March, 1879.

Date.	Theology and Moral Philosophy	History, Biography, Voyages, and Travels, etc.	Law, Politics, Social Science, etc.	Arts, Sciences, and Natural History.	Poetry and the Drama.	Fiction	General Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines, Reviews, and Other Periodicals.	Juvenile Literature.	Current Periodicals.	Renewals.	Total Number of Volumes Issued.	Total Number of Works Issued.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
February, 1878 ..	51	157	12	44	36	1505	68	63	312			2254	2223	22	102
March ..	97	362	8	110	100	3509	206	402	653			5447	5395	26	209
April ..	185	442	23	253	114	3805	357	671	593			6443	6306	24	268
May ..	170	393	12	236	108	3594	349	735	648			6245	6092	27	231
June ..	100	220	7	122	59	2335	229	408	448			3988	3833	19	209
July ..	54	178	10	80	43	2384	150	312	523			3734	3636	20	186
August ..	81	267	7	149	76	3194	201	504	629		270	5369	5273	26	206
September ..	65	268	8	134	71	2968	226	507	648		630	5525	5376	25	221
October ..	70	276	9	160	69	3219	257	514	681	21	634	5910	5773	27	213
November ..	77	301	8	149	71	3248	229	608	636	45	780	6152	6062	26	233
December ..	57	250	7	98	64	2823	212	524	542	57	737	5371	5264	24	219
January, 1879 ..	81	293	7	111	97	3511	246	610	618	47	630	6251	6122	27	231
February ..	87	326	9	150	97	3460	254	674	605	66	470	6198	6082	24	258
March 1 to 25 ..	87	290	9	166	81	3294	236	617	678	82	669	6149	6052	21	292
TOTALS ..	1262	4023	136	1893	1086	42909	3220	7155	8214	318	4820	75036	72649	338	221

A FEW EXAMPLES OF ISSUES.

					No. of times issued.
Farrar's Life of Christ (joint issue of 2 vols.)	..	..	..	..	32
Dawson's Sermons, vol. 1	..	..	..	..	22
Talmage's Sermons (one out of 5 vols.)	..	..	..	..	19
Spurgeon's Lectures (2 vols.)	..	..	..	..	29
„ Treasury of David	..	..	..	..	12
Smith's Dictionary of the Bible	..	..	..	..	19
Lange's Life of Christ (vol. 1)	..	..	..	..	14
Conybeare and Howson's Life of St. Paul	..	..	..	..	20
Claims of the Bible, by the Rev. W. Walters	..	..	..	..	17
Hutton's History of Birmingham	..	..	..	..	15
How I found Livingstone, by Stanley	..	..	..	..	34
Cassell's History of the Franco-German War	..	..	..	..	28
<i>Daily News</i> War Correspondence (Russia and Turkey)	..	..	..	..	17
Her Majesty's Tower, by Hepworth Dixon (vol. 1)	..	..	..	..	29
Trollope's Australia	..	..	..	..	22
Dixon's New America	..	..	..	..	24
Kinglake's Crimea (vol. 1)	..	..	..	..	34
Speke's Discovery of the Source of the Nile	..	..	..	..	21
Kingsley's South by West	..	..	..	..	23
Voyage Alone in the Yawl "Rob Roy," by Macgregor	..	..	..	..	24
Smiles' Biographies of G. and R. Stephenson	..	..	..	..	20
Strickland's Queens of England	..	..	..	..	19
Life of Dr. Livingstone, by Adams	..	..	..	..	40
Life of W. Hutton	..	..	..	..	20
Carlyle's Cromwell (vol. 1)	..	..	..	..	20
Martin's Biography of the Prince Consort (vol. 1)	..	..	..	..	25
Tyndall's Elements of Electricity	..	..	..	..	22
Manchester Science Lectures (4 vols)	..	..	..	..	40
Wonders of Engraving	..	..	..	..	17
Pepper's Playbook of Science	..	..	..	..	18
„ „ „ Metals	..	..	..	..	22
Miller's Footprints of the Creator	..	..	..	..	14
The Poultry Yard, by Watts	..	..	..	..	28
Strange Stories of the Animal World, by Timbs	..	..	..	..	25
Cowper's Poems (2 copies)	..	..	..	..	19
Goldsmith's Works (one out of 3 copies)	..	..	..	..	36

Shakespeare's Works (one out of 3 copies)	..	..	..	20
One Thousand and One Gems of English Poetry	..	..	..	14
Hood's Serious Poems	15
Tennyson's Maud and Enoch Arden	27
Milton's Works (2 copies)	25
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Ready Money Mortiboy, by Besant and Rice	31
Pickwick Papers, by Dickens (2 copies)	73
The Old Curiosity Shop, by Dickens	..	..	..	39
The Dog Fiend, by Marryat	..	..	..	42
The Pathfinder, by J. Fenimore Cooper	..	..	..	35
Kenilworth, by Scott (one out of two copies)	..	..	..	34
Dene Hollow, by Mrs. H. Wood	..	..	..	39
East Lynne " " (one out of three copies)	..	..	..	31
Edina " " .. .. ..	..	..	..	46
Three Brides, by Miss Yonge	..	..	..	42
Two Marriages, by Mrs. Craik (one out of three copies)	..	..	..	52
John Halifax, by Mrs. Craik (2 copies)	..	..	..	68
Adam Bede, by Eliot	..	..	..	37
Kilmeny, by W. Black	..	..	..	34
Malcolm, by G. MacDonald	..	..	..	44
Robert Falconer " .. .. ..	..	..	..	37
Frank Fairleigh, by Smedley	..	..	..	41
Put Yourself in His Place, by Reade	..	..	..	43
Coningsby, by the Earl of Beaconsfield	..	..	..	33
Love's Victory, by Farjeon	..	..	..	39
Constable of France, by Grant	..	..	..	44
Uncle Tom's Cabin (3 copies)	80
Good Wives, by Alcott	45
Joshua Davidson, by Mrs. Linton..	30
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American Notes, by Dickens	32
Bracebridge Hall, by Irving	19
Sketches of Irish Character, by Mrs. S. C. Hall	23
Things not generally Known, by Timbs	..	..	..	19
Character, by Smiles	..	..	..	23
Works of Douglas Jerrold (vol. 1)	..	..	..	17
Mrs. Caudle's Curtain Lectures, by Jerrold	..	..	..	25
The Spectator	..	..	..	14
Music and Morals, by Haweis	..	..	..	24
The Gentle Life, by Friswell (2 vols.)	..	..	..	41
World of Wonders	..	..	..	29

Argosy (issue of a single volume)	44
All the Year Round	36
Belgravia	23
Gentleman's Magazine	16
Leisure Hour	34
London Society	24
Once a Week	31
Sunday Magazine	25
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Alone in London, by Stretton	49
Baron Bruno (Fairy Tales)	63
Every Girl's Book	45
Knights of the Frozen Sea	29

. On an average popular Juvenile books have issued during the Year about 50 times each.

AGES AND OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Total Number of Borrowers to March 25, 1879...2905.

AGES OF BORROWERS.

Under 14	781	51 to 60	76
14 to 20	874	61 and upwards	43
21 to 30	602		
31 to 40	371		2905
41 to 50	158		

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Agents	17	Button Makers	4
Apprentices	24	Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, etc.	57
Architects and Surveyors	8	Chemists	5
Artists, Draughtsmen, etc.	14	Clergymen and Ministers	14
Assistants, etc.	7	Clerks	185
Bakers	19	Coach Builders	7
Bedstead Makers	3	Commercial Travellers	29
Blacksmiths	13	Confectioners	8
Boot and Shoe Makers	16	Domestic Servants	32
Box Makers	5	Drapers, Tailors, etc.	18
Brassfounders, etc.	32	Dressmakers, etc.	39
Brewers and Maltsters	4	Electro Platers	13
Building Trade	11	Engineers	14
Butchers	10	Engine Drivers	2

Engravers and Chasers 26	Millers 2
Filers 3	Nail Makers 2
Fitters 8	Painters and Decorators .. 11
Gardeners 3	Pawnbrokers 3
Gas Fitters 5	Policemen 3
Grocers 31	Printers, Stationers, etc. .. 18
Gun Makers 26	Public Officials 25
Hairdressers 2	Publicans.. ... 2
Japanners, Polishers, etc. .. 13	Scholars and Students 454
Jewellers, Lapidaries, etc. .. 125	Schoolmasters, Teachers, etc. .. 145
Journalists, etc. 3	Shopkeepers 34
Labourers 16	Solicitors 3
Letter Cutters 7	Stonemasons 10
Machinists.. .. 26	Tool Makers 16
Managers 9	Warehousemen 33
Manufacturers, etc. 15	Watchmakers 18
Medical Profession 7	Miscellaneous occupations .. 64
Messengers and Errand Boys .. 14	No occupation 1105
Metal Workers 8	Total 2905

DONATIONS.

Anonymous :

Five Novels.

Aston, T. H., Esq. :

Thomson's Seasons.
Heaven Our Home.
Birmingham Protestant Association
Magazines, etc., 4 vols. and 6 other
volumes.

Birmingham, Corporation of :

History of the Corporation, by Bunce.
Vol. 1. (2 copies)

Beston, J. T., Esq. :

Twenty-three Volumes of Novels, etc.
Six Volumes on Medical Science, etc.
History of the Great Fires at Chicago,
etc.
Two Volumes on the Ejectment of
1662.
Emerson's Representative Men.

Set of Good Words, 13 vols. in numbers,
„ Sunday Magazine, 13 vols. „
„ Day of Rest, 6 vols. „
„ The Quiver, 6 vols. „
Imperial Dictionary of Universal
Biography, 3 vols., in parts.
Several Volumes of Christmas An-
nals and Magazines.
Cornhill Magazine, 5 vols.
Temple Bar, 4 vols.

Boden, Mr. G. (the Editor) :

Staffordshire and Worcestershire Red
Book.

Brassey, T., Esq., M.P. :

Life of Thomas Brassey, by Helps.
Work and Wages, by T. Brassey, Esq.,
M.P.

Buttress, Mr. J. :

Strange Things among us, by Spicer
The Earth, by Mudie
And several others

Cobden Club, The :

Essays on Land Tenure
Seven Pamphlets published by the
Cobden Club.
Financial Reform Almanack, 1879.
(3 copies)

Cooper, J. A., Esq. :

Bible Lore. by Gray.
Workmen and their Difficulties, by
Bayley.
Neil's Rhetoric.
Counsels to Sunday School Teachers,
by J. A. Cooper.
British Controversialist, 2 vols.

Dent, Mr. R. K. :

Old and New Birmingham (*as issued*).
Several Novels and other Works.

Forjett, C., Esq. (the Author) :

Answer to Mr. Gladstone's "Paths of
Honour and of Shame."

Graham, W., Esq. :

Barclay's Apology for the Quakers.
(6 copies)

Harvey, J. Esq., M.D. :

The Aldine Edition of the British
Poets. Complete Set, 52 vols.
Dr. Carpenter on the Microscope.
Common objects of the Microscope.
The Earth, by Mudie.
Ourselves, by North.
The Parisians, by Lord Lytton, 2 vols.
Also an English Eight-Day Clock.

Hughes, W., Esq. :

Traditions of Eden, by Shephard.
The Aston Chronicle, from Oct., 1875
to July 1877, *unbound*.
Dwight's Theology, 5 vols.
And other Works.

Hulley, J. Esq. (The Publisher) :

Birmingham Directory, 1876-7.
Wolverhampton Directory.

May, H., Esq., L.R.C.P.L. :

Health Reports, Aston Manor, 1874-8.
In Silk Attire, by Black.
Dear Lady Disdain, by McCarthy.
A Fair Saxon, by McCarthy.
Treatise on Sewage, by Corfield.
Life of Lafayette.

Life of Penn. by Clarkson.
Channing's Works, 2 vols.
Eminent British Lawyers, by Roscoe.
And Seven other Volumes.

Maynell, Mrs. :

Agatha's Husband, by Craik.

Norton, Mr. H. P. :

History of the Russian War, 1854-6.

Patents, Commissioners of :

Abridgment of Patent Specifications,
101 vols.

Poulton, F. Y., Esq. :

Madagascar and its people, by Sibree.
Saturday Review, 5 vols.
Claims of the Bible, by the Rev.
W. Walters.
Lessons of Life, by the Rev. W.
Walters.
Rutherford's Letters.
Literary Characteristics of the Bible,
by Trail.
Four Novels.

Religious Tract Society :

Acts and Monuments, by John Foxe,
8 vols.
Life of Tyndale, by Demaus.
Life of Latimer, by Demaus.
Life of John Newton, by Bull.
Letters of John Newton.
Our English Bible, by Stoughton.
The Temple and its Services, by
Edersheim.

Richardson, Mr. T. J. :

Toilers of the Sea, by Hugo

Robinson, J., Esq. (the Author) :

Sanitary Inspector's Practical Guide.

Rodray, A., Esq. (the Author) :

Dangerous Ground. (4 copies)

Society of Arts :

Journal of the Society, 1877-8, vol 26,
and current issues.
Cantor Lectures. (17 pamphlets)
The Society's Reports on Health,
Water Supply, Domestic Economy,
etc. (16 pamphlets)

Stone, J. B., Esq. (the Author) :

A Summer Holiday in Spain, (3copies)

Swedenborg Society :

The Works of Emmanuel Swedenborg
47 vols.

Swedenborg Mission and Tract Society :

Noble's Appeal.
The Spiritual World, by Giles.
Bayley's Brighton Lectures.
Swedenborg's Theology and Philosophy, by Parsons.

Wadsworth, G., Esq. (the Author) :

The Teacher of Reading. (2 copies)

Wallis, F., Esq. :

MS. Copy of the Rate Book of Aston
Manor, corrected to July, 1878.

Watherston, E. J., Esq. (the Author) :

On the Taxation of Silver Plate.
(2 copies)

Walsall Free Library :

Reports, Catalogues, etc.

Walters, Rev. W. (The Author) :

Views of Life.
Lessons of Life.
Pamphlet on the Theatre.
British Quarterly Review, vols. 1 to
12.

*The following have been presented to the
Library, as issued, by the several
Publishers :*

L'Ingenieur Universel (the Universal
Engineer) weekly, from Jan. 31,
1879.

Social Notes (weekly, from March to
September 1878).

Society of Arts' Journal (weekly, from
the commencement of the current
volume).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MARCH 1877, TO MARCH 1879.

<i>Dn.</i>				<i>Cn.</i>			
RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
OFFICIAL YEAR, 1877-8.				OFFICIAL YEAR, 1877-8.			
		£	s. d.			£	s. d.
To Free Libraries Rate at 1d. in the £	..	457	10 4	By Books	..	..	345 14 9
" Fines	..	1	16 5	" Printing and Posting	..	..	13 11 0
" Damages	..	0	2 4	" Fittings	..	..	19 8 0
" Sale of 94 Catalogues	..	1	11 4	" Salaries*	..	..	27 9 0
" 116 Ticket Cases at 1d.	..	0	9 8	" Petty Expenses	..	..	1 10 10
				" Balance	..	53	16 6
		<u>£461</u>	<u>10 1</u>			<u>£461</u>	<u>10 1</u>
OFFICIAL YEAR, 1878-9.				OFFICIAL YEAR, 1878-9.			
To Balance brought down	..	53	16 6	By Books	..	..	109 8 0
" Free Libraries Rate, at 1d. in the £	..	480	17 6	" Bookbinding	..	..	54 16 10
" Fines	..	51	2 10	" Printing and Stationery	..	..	42 11 4
" Damages	..	0	13 0	" Fittings	..	..	1 15 0
" Sale of 630 Catalogues at 4d.	..	10	10 0	" Salaries	..	..	111 8 4
" Sale of 248 Ticket Cases at 1d.	..	1	0 8	" Petty Expenses	1 18 7
		<u>£598</u>	<u>0 6</u>	" Balance	..	276	2 5
						<u>£598</u>	<u>0 6</u>



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OF THE

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COMMITTEE.

MARCH 26th, 1879, TO MARCH 25th, 1880.

ASTON :

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MANOR OF ASTON FREE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

1879-80.

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MR. ROBERT K. DENT.

Upon the re-appointment of the Committee, April 20, 1880, Mr. E. PRESTON and Mr. J. RODDIS were appointed in place of Mr. W. BENNETT and Mr. J. T. BESTON.

REPORT.

THE Free Libraries Committee have pleasure in presenting their Second Annual Report of the work of the Library,

Although the novelty of the Institution has passed away, it is satisfactory to know that the issue of Books has not fallen off, and that the Library is becoming more and more appreciated every day.

During the months of January and February in the present year, the issues were somewhat reduced owing to the withdrawal of the old borrowing-cards and the necessary renewal of vouchers; but as an evidence of the continued interest manifested by the borrowers, the Committee would point out that 1,368 vouchers were renewed during the three months of the present year.

Attention has been given by the Committee to the collection of useful and valuable works of reference, in view of the Reference Reading Room about to be provided in the public buildings now in progress. Among the works thus purchased may be mentioned, Waring's Rude Stone Monuments; Dresser's Studies in Design; Lacroix's Works on the Arts, Manners, Customs and Literature of the Middle Ages and of the 18th Century; Morris's British Birds; Wilson's American Ornithology; Lowe's British

and Exotic Ferns ; Pratt's Flowering Plants of Great Britain ; Knight's Popular History of England ; Knight's London ; Dore's London ; Chambers's Encyclopædia (latest edition).

A new edition of the Catalogue of the Lending Department has been prepared, and is now about to be issued. Class Lists of the various sections of the Catalogue have already been published at prices varying from twopence to one halfpenny.

Many valuable gifts of Books have been received during the year, for which the Committee beg to express their cordial thanks to the respective donors. A list of the various donations is appended to this report.

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CHAIRMAN.

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Cassell's Magazine	Nineteenth Century
Chambers's Journal	Quiver
Contemporary Review	Scribner's Monthly
Cornhill Magazine	*Society of Arts Journal
Fortnightly Review	Sunday at Home
Fraser's Magazine	Sunday Magazine
Gentleman's Magazine	Temple Bar
Good Words	Time

* Presented by the Society.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY.

MARCH 25, 1880.

Theology and Moral Philosophy	-	-	-	242
Biography, History, Topography, Voyages and Travels	-	-	-	500
Law, Political Economy, Social Science, etc.	-	-	-	39
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	-	-	-	272
Abridgments of Patent Specifications	-	-	-	101
Poetry and the Drama	-	-	-	184
Fiction	-	-	-	1745
Miscellaneous Literature	-	-	-	483
Magazines, Reviews, etc.	-	-	-	809
Juvenile Literature	-	-	-	424
Total of Lending Departments	-	-	-	4799
Works of Reference in various classes	-	-	-	241
				5040

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Among the Books added to the Library during the past year are the following :

Farrar's Life of St. Paul ; Life of Christ, by H. W. Beecher ; Witness of History to Christ, by Farrar ; The Land and the Book, by Thomson.

Memoirs of Charles Kingsley, Norman Macleod, Dr. Guthrie, and J. H. Hinton ; Robert Dick, by Smiles ; Life of Lord Beaconsfield, by O'Connor ; Crabb Robinson's Diaries and Correspondence ; Life of Charles Mayne Young ; British Battles by Land and Sea, by Grant ; History of Protestantism, by Wylie ; South Africa, by Trollope ; Voyage in the *Sunbeam*, by Mrs. Brassey ; Modern Birmingham, by Langford ; Old and New Birmingham.

Physiology, by Marshall ; Natural Philosophy, by Deschanel ; The Steam Engine, by Rankine ; "Art at Home" Series, 7 vols. ; The Great Artists and their Works, 4 vols. ; Williamson's Chemistry for Students ; Armstrong's Organic Chemistry ; Principles of Ornamental Art, by Hulme ; Manual of Botany, by Balfour.

The Golden Treasury of Songs and Lyrics, edited by Palgrave ; Poets' Wit and Humour, edited by Wills ; The True Cross, by Whyte Melville ; Poems, by Mrs. Craik ; The Spanish Gypsy, by George Eliot.

Recent Novels by Ainsworth, Mrs. Burnett, Wilkie Collins, T. Hardy, H. Kingsley, Florence Marryat, Mrs. Oliphant, J. Payn, Mrs. Henry Wood, Mrs. Worboise, and others.

"Happy Thoughts" Series, by F. C. Burnand ; Gleanings of Past Years, by the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone ; Lessons from my Masters, by Bayne ; Essays on Archeology, by Wright ; England as seen by Foreigners, by Rye ; History of Playing-Cards, by Chatto ; Curiosities of Heraldry, by Lower ; History of Names, by Salverte ; Romance of the Stage, by Fitzgerald ; Notabilia, by Timbs.

Blackwood's Magazine from 1826 to 1878 ; St. Paul's Magazine, complete set, from 1867 to 1873 ; Nineteenth Century, vols. I and II (completing the set) ; Recent volumes of Magazines, in continuation of sets.

About 144 vols of Juvenile Literature.

PRINCIPAL WORKS OF REFERENCE

PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR.

- Chambers's Encyclopædia, 10 vols.
 Picturesque Europe (The British Isles), 4 vols..
 London, by Gustave Doré and Blanchard Jerrold.
 Flowering Plants of Great Britain, by Anne Pratt, 6 vols.
 Ferns, British and Exotic, by Lowe, 7 vols.
 Morris's British Birds, 8 vols.
 Military and Religious Life, Science and Literature, of the Middle
 Ages, and the Eighteenth Century, by Lacroix, 3 vols.
 Illustrated Travels, 6 vols.
 Knight's Pictorial London, 6 vols. in 3.
 Knight's Popular History of England, 8 vols.
 A Book of Memories, by S. C. Hall.
 Hone's Every-Day Book and Year Book, 4 vols.
 Hogarth's Works.
 Waring's Rude Stone Monuments.
 Dresser's Studies in Design.
 Wilson's American Ornithology, 3 vols.
 Green's Lives of the Princesses of England, 6 vols.

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1879.															
March 26 to 31	24	70	4	26	20	750	71	142	150	22	228	1507	1478	5	301
April ...	79	317	4	143	99	3851	268	703	740	61	738	7003	6851	24	297
May ...	78	293	10	140	81	3615	237	683	800	81	982	7000	6848	27	259
June ...	72	267	10	107	69	3374	199	548	623	83	690	6042	5924	24	250
July ...	71	254	8	110	76	3471	193	509	722	90	854	6358	6249	27	235
August...	60	211	5	84	59	3184	146	428	737	91	660	5665	5583	25	226
September	63	238	5	91	61	3398	174	434	701	112	860	6137	6057	26	236
October ...	71	297	3	145	65	3313	160	429	728	96	650	5957	5875	27	220
November	64	269	11	113	65	3190	153	516	741	106	887	6115	6046	25	244
December	60	234	5	86	53	2545	160	394	625	108	790	5060	4992	24	210
1880.															
January	54	161	5	62	36	2001	104	346	525	101	528	3923	3869	26	151
February	55	239	1	84	36	2812	112	347	503	143	754	5086	5020	24	212
March 1 to 25	35	191	7	70	41	2748	120	354	642	107	746	5061	4968	22	230
TOTALS ...	786	3041	78	1261	761	38252	2097	5833	8237	1201	9367	70914	69760	306	231

A FEW EXAMPLES OF ISSUES.

					No. of times issued.
Seekers after God, by Farrar	...	...	...	...	16
Saintly Workers	„	...	...	...	13
Life of Christ	„	...	...	...	18
Spurgeon's Lectures	...	...	...	...	10
Geikie's Life of Christ	...	...	...	...	12
Dawson's Sermons (2 vols.)	...	...	...	...	22
Newman's Apologia pro Vita Sua	...	...	...	...	17
Dale's Week-Day Sermons	...	...	...	...	16
Talmage's Sermons (one out of 5 vols.)	...	...	...	...	13
Channing's Works	...	...	...	...	11
Hutton's History of Birmingham	...	...	...	...	18
Old and New Birmingham	...	...	...	...	39
Cassell's Old and New London (one out of 6 vols.)	...	...	...	...	25
Cassell's History of England (one out of 9 vols.)	...	...	...	...	36
Her Majesty's Tower, by Hepworth Dixon (vol. 1)	...	...	...	...	22
<i>Daily News</i> War Correspondence (Russia and Turkey)	...	...	...	...	16
Macaulay's History of England (vol. 1)	...	...	...	...	15
Diary of a Besieged Resident in Paris, by Labouchere	...	...	...	...	17
New America, by Hepworth Dixon	...	...	...	...	23
Greater Britain, by Dilke	...	...	...	...	20
Prairie and Forest, by Parker Gillmore	...	...	...	...	37
Silverland, by G. Lawrence	...	...	...	...	20
Through the Dark Continent, by Stanley	...	...	...	...	17
Catlin's North American Indians	...	...	...	...	20
Life and Times of John Bright, by Robertson	...	...	...	...	13
Strickland's Queens of England (vol. 1)	...	...	...	...	12
Harriet Martineau's Autobiography (3 vols.)	...	...	...	...	27
Life of William Hutton, by Jewitt	...	...	...	...	13
Life of Humboldt, by Macgillivray	...	...	...	...	22
Smiles' Biographies of G. and R. Stephenson	...	...	...	...	10
Life of Dr. Livingstone, by Adams	...	...	...	...	31

					No. of times issued.
Mill on Liberty	...	...	...	...	8
Mrs. Fawcett's Political Economy for Beginners	...	...	...	...	8
Mill's Political Economy	...	...	...	...	6
Professor Fawcett's Manual of Political Economy	12
Bright's Speeches	13
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Manchester Science Lectures (3 vols.)	30
Pepper's Playbook of Science	19
" " Metals	11
Strange Stories of the Animal World, by Timbs	...	...	...	...	24
Roscoe's Elementary Chemistry	...	...	...	...	10
Proctor's Light Science for Leisure Hours	...	...	...	...	13
Jardine's Naturalist's Library (one vol. out of 42)	...	...	...	...	20
Birds and Reptiles, by Figuier	...	...	...	...	19
Darwin's Descent of Man	7
Wood's Natural History	26
The Animal Kingdom, by Rymer Jones	21
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Poetical Works of Burns	18
" " Mrs. Hemans	13
" " Goldsmith	14
" " Eliza Cook	22
" " Longfellow	13
Shakespeare's Works (one out of three copies)	...	...	...	...	12
Tennyson's Maud and Enoch Arden	18
Swinburne's Poems and Ballads	19
Wordsworth's Poems	18
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Home Scenes, by Aguilar	29
Monks of Thelema, by Besant and Rice	22
David Copperfield, by Dickens (one out of three copies)	21
Woman in White, by Wilkie Collins	...	...	...	...	30
A Fair Saxon, by McCarthy	...	...	...	...	36
The Hunchback of Notre Dame, by Hugo	...	...	...	...	32
Lady Adelaide's Oath, by Mrs. Henry Wood	...	...	...	...	38
Thornycroft Hall, by E. J. Worboise	...	...	...	...	43
Nothing New, by Mrs. Craik	...	...	...	...	37
Felix Holt, by George Eliot	...	...	...	...	33
Autobiography of a Thief, by Reade	...	...	...	...	37
Lord Falconberg's Heir, by Clarke	...	...	...	...	34
Adventures of Mr. Ledbury, by Albert Smith	...	...	...	...	34

				No. of times issued.	
Studies from Life, by Mrs. Craik	36
A Strange Story, by Lytton	42
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Works of Artemus Ward	24
Bret Harte's Works	28
Macaulay's Essays	15
„ Miscellaneous Writings and Speeches			15
Character, by Smiles	16
Other People's Windows, by Friswell			22
A Woman's Thoughts about Women, by Mrs. Craik			18
Wilson's Lights and Shadows of Scottish Life			16
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Argosy (issue of a single volume)		40
All the Year Round	27
Belgravia	18
Gentleman's Magazine	20
Leisure Hour	18
London Society	16
Once a Week	24
Sunday Magazine	24
Tinsley's Magazine	23
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The Princess of Silverland, by Strivelyne		50
Ellen Montgomery's Bookshelf, by Wetherell		48
Magnet Stories	44
Elchester College Boys, by Mrs. Wood		46
Two Apprentices, by Mrs. Howitt	40
King of the Golden River, by Ruskin		53

Popular Juvenile Books issue, on an average, about fifty times during the year.

AGES AND OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

The following Tables show the Ages and Occupations of the 1368 Borrowers who have renewed their Vouchers since January, 1880, up to March 25th.

Since the issue of the first Annual Report, up to December, 1879, 853 Tickets were issued. Total number of Tickets issued from February 4th, 1878, to December 31st, 1879

... .. 3,758

AGES OF BORROWERS.

Under 14	...	...	...	313	41 to 50	...	...	...	101
14 to 20	...	...	...	407	51 to 60	...	...	...	47
21 to 30	...	...	...	292	61 etc.	...	...	...	21
31 to 40	...	...	...	187					1368

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Agents	...	...	...	12	Jewellers, Lapidaries, etc.	...	40
Apprentices	...	...	...	2	Machinists	...	12
Architects and Surveyors	...	...	...	2	Manufacturers, etc.	...	8
Artists, Draughtsmen, etc.	...	...	...	4	Medical Profession	...	4
Bakers	...	...	...	4	Messengers and Errand Boys	...	5
Boot and Shoe Makers	...	...	...	5	Metal Workers	...	20
Building Trade	...	...	...	4	Millers	...	2
Butchers	...	...	...	4	Painters and Decorators	...	8
Button Makers	...	...	...	5	Pawnbrokers	...	3
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, etc.	...	...	...	15	Printers, Stationers, etc.	...	11
Chemist	...	...	...	1	Public Officials	...	21
Clergymen and Ministers	...	...	...	7	Publicans, Brewers, &c.	...	4
Clerks	...	...	...	97	Scholars and Students	...	340
Commercial Travellers	...	...	...	8	Schoolmasters, Teachers, etc.	...	78
Confectioners	...	...	...	2	Shopkeepers	...	9
Domestic Servants	...	...	...	9	Solicitors	...	2
Drapers, Tailors, etc.	...	...	...	16	Spectacle Makers	...	2
Dressmakers, etc.	...	...	...	22	Stonemasons	...	6
Electro-Platers	...	...	...	2	Tool Makers	...	5
Engravers and Chasers	...	...	...	13	Warehousemen	...	8
Fitters	...	...	...	3	Watchmakers	...	5
Glassworkers	...	...	...	4	Miscellaneous occupations	...	31
Grocers	...	...	...	17	No occupation	...	469
Gun Makers	...	...	...	15			
Japanners, Polishers, etc.	...	...	...	2			1368

DONATIONS.

ANSELL, J., Esq., jun.—

Liddell and Scott's Smaller Greek Lexicon.

BERRY, Mr. W.—

Papers on Missions.

Ferguson's Essay on Civil Society.

COBDEN CLUB (The)—

Reciprocity, by Mallet; and other Pamphlets published by the
Cobden Club.

Financial Reform Almanack, 1880.

DENT, Mr. R. K.—

Old and New Birmingham, section 3 (completing the volume).

Several Novels, &c.

DAVENPORT, W. BROMLEY, Esq., M.P.—

Twenty-two Parliamentary Blue-Books.

FREE LIBRARIES: Annual Reports, Catalogues, etc., of—

Birmingham, Bolton, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Leeds, Liverpool,
Manchester, Norwich, Plymouth, Salford, Sheffield, Southport,
Stockport, Walsall, Warrington, Wednesbury, West Bromwich,
Westminster, Wolverhampton.

HULLEY, J., Esq. (the Publisher)—

Directory of the Hardware District, 1880.

MAY, H., Esq., L.R.C.P.J.—

Good Words, for 1879.

The Return of the Native, by Thomas Hardy.

MULLINS, J. D., Esq. (the Author)—

Free Libraries and News Rooms: their Formation and Management.

PROCTOR, Miss—

Several Novels.

SALE, J., Esq.—

Essays on Shakespeare, edited by Cattell.

SMITH, Rev. F., M.A.—

Milner's History of England.

Fawcett's Manual of Political Economy.

Ellicott's Life of Christ.

Framley Parsonage, by Trollope.

SOCIETY OF ARTS (The)—

Journal of the Society (sent weekly, as issued)—

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE—

Sea-Kings of the Mediterranean, by G. F. Townsend.

In and Out of London, by W. J. Loftie.

Marchfield, by W. J. Loftie.

The Carved Cartoon, by Clare.

The Panelled House, by Bramston.

Clear Shining after Rain, by Mrs. Brock.

Silent Jim, by Cobb.

And forty-six volumes of Juvenile Books.

STONE, J. H., Esq.—

Brayley's London and Middlesex, 5 vols.

Hogarth's Works (in parts).

Skeen's Early Typography.

Tegg's Epitaphs and Epigrams.

New Testament, Illustrated (Murray).

WALTERS, Rev. W.—

British Quarterly Review, 12 vols.

WISEMAN, Mr. W.—

Buckmaster's Electricity.

Rigg's Easy Introduction to Chemistry.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MARCH 1879 TO MARCH 1880.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.		EXPENDITURE.	Cr.	
		£	d.		£	d.
To	Balance from last year	...	276 12 2	By Books	...	89 14 6
"	Free Libraries' Rate at 1d. in the £	...	482 5 1	" Bookbinding	...	30 7 5
"	Fines	...	38 6 9	" Printing and Stationery	...	9 13 8
"	Damages	...	0 13 1	" Fittings	...	10 5 6
"	Sale of 43 Catalogues, at 4d. ...	...	0 14 4	" Salaries	...	124 10 0
"	Sale of 285 Class Lists, at 1d.	...	1 3 9	" Petty Expenses	...	5 7 8
"	Sale of 83 Ticket Cases, at 1d.	...	0 6 11	" Reserve Fund	...	500 0 0
"	Issue of 20 New Cards, at 1d.	...	0 1 8	" Balance	...	30 5 0
		<u>£800 3 9</u>				<u>£800 3 9</u>

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MARCH 26th, 1880, to MARCH 25th, 1881.

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Upon the re-appointment of the Committee, April 19, 1881, Messrs. J. T. CANT, U. DEAN, T. MILLWARD, and A. TAYLOR were appointed in place of Messrs. J. W. KEYWORTH, M.D., E. PRESTON, J. PUGH, and J. SALE.

REPORT.

THE Free Libraries Committee have pleasure in presenting their
Third Annual Report of the Work of the Library.

It will be seen on reference to the Tables appended to this Report, that the interest manifested during the two previous years has been maintained, and even increased, in the year which has recently closed ; while the fact that the books issued are carefully read is evidenced by the large number of renewal tickets issued, viz. : 9,471.

The issue of the current periodical literature has considerably increased during the past year, and this has induced the Committee to add to those already subscribed for, the "Atlantic Monthly," "Harper's Monthly Magazine," "The Magazine of Art," and "South Kensington."

In view of the early completion of the New Library Buildings, the greater portion of the Reserve Fund of last year has been devoted by the Committee to the purchase of useful and valuable works of reference, for the formation of a working Reference Library, in which, it is hoped, the artisans and art-workers of the Manor may find the best works on every branch of industry and in every department of general knowledge.

A list of the principal works thus purchased is given on pages 7 & 8.

The Committee would respectfully urge upon all who are interested in the establishment of a good Reference Library in the Manor, the necessity of making provision for further additions to the collection already formed. This, unfortunately, cannot be done in the future out of the penny rate, inasmuch as the current expenses of the Library will, in a few months, be largely increased, in maintaining efficiently the three departments (Lending and Reference Libraries, and News Room) in the New Building. Further Donations, either of Books or Money, for the Reference Library are earnestly solicited.

The new edition of the Catalogue of the Lending Department, mentioned in the last Report, has been issued; and the issue of Class Lists of the various sections of the Catalogue, at prices varying from twopence to one halfpenny, has proved a successful experiment, enabling every borrower to purchase, at a small cost, the portion of the Catalogue in which he is specially interested.

Donations of Books have been received from time to time during the year, for which the Committee beg to express their cordial thanks to the respective donors. A list of the various gifts is appended to this Report.

Tables of issues, ages and occupations of Borrowers, receipts and expenditure, examples of issues, and other information respecting the work of the Library, will be found in the succeeding pages.

JOHN HARVEY, M.D.,

CHAIRMAN.

LIST OF PERIODICALS TAKEN, FOR ISSUE TO BORROWERS.

All the Year Round	Leisure Hour
Argosy	London Society
Atlantic Monthly	Macmillan's Magazine
Belgravia	Magazine of Art
Blackwood's Magazine	Modern Review
Cassell's Magazine	Nineteenth Century
Chambers's Journal	Quiver
Contemporary Review	Scribner's Monthly
Cornhill Magazine	*Society of Arts Journal
*Dietetic Reformer	South Kensington
Fortnightly Review	Sunday at Home
Fraser's Magazine	Sunday Magazine
Gentleman's Magazine	Temple Bar
Good Words	Time
Harper's Monthly Magazine	

* Presented by the Society.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LIBRARY, MARCH 25, 1881.

Theology and Moral Philosophy	252
Biography, History, Topography, Voyages and Travels	521
Law, Political Economy, Social Science, etc.	40
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	276
Abridgments of Patent Specifications	101
Poetry and the Drama	195
Fiction	1834
Miscellaneous Literature	528
Magazines, Reviews, etc.	871
Juvenile Literature	445
Total of Lending Department	5063
Works of Reference in various classes	1200
	<hr/> 6,263 <hr/>

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING LIBRARY.

Among the Books added to the Lending Department during the past year are the following :—

Essays on Miracles, Discussions and Arguments, and Theological Tracts, by Cardinal Newman ; Essays Philosophical and Theological, by Martineau, 2 vols. ; Laws of Life, by Walters ; Sunday Addresses to Working People, by Mursell ; The Evangelical Revival, by R. W. Dale.

Life of Wellington, by Gleig ; Life of Nelson, by Southey ; Life of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, by G. B. Smith ; The Great Artists, 8 vols. ; Martin's Life of the Prince Consort, vols. 4 and 5 (completing the work) ; Life of Bishop Selwyn, by Tucker, 2 vols. ; On Horseback through Asia Minor, by Burnaby ; The Holy Land, by Hepworth Dixon ; The Nineteenth Century, by Mackenzie ; Bulgarian Affairs, by the Marquis of Bath ; Young Ireland, by Sir Gavan Duffy ; What we saw in Australia, by Hill.

Workshop Receipts, by Spon ; Food for the Invalid, by Fothergill ; Art at Home Series, 2 vols. (in continuation).

Edward Capern's Poems, 3 vols. ; J. R. Lowell's Poetical Works ; O. W. Holmes's Poetical Works ; The Iron Gate, by Holmes ; Ballads and other Poems, by Tennyson ; A Lover's Tale, by Tennyson.

Miss Thackeray's Novels and Tales, 7 vols. ; Tales from Blackwood, 12 vols. ; Endymion, by Lord Beaconsfield, two copies ; Recent Novels, by Miss Braddon, Besant and Rice, Wilkie Collins, Mrs. Craik, Mrs. Edwardes, Bret Harte, Henry James, jun., Helen Mathers, James Payn, Anthony Trollope, Mrs. Worboise, and others. Also a number of duplicate copies of novels most in demand.

Works of Professor Wilson, 10 vols. ; Works of Fancy and Imagination, by G. MacDonald, 10 vols. ; Duty, by Smiles ; A Tramp Abroad, by Mark Twain ; Thomas Carlyle, by E. Paxton Hood ; Guesses at Truth, by Hare ; Authors at Work, by Pebody ; Yesterdays with Authors, by Fields ; The Best of all Good Company, by Blanchard Jerrold ; Literature and Curiosities of Dreams, by Seafeld ; English Men of Letters, 6 vols. (in continuation of set) ; Foreign Classics for English Readers, 4 vols. (in continuation).

Sixty vols. of Magazines, Reviews, &c., in continuation of sets.

Beeton's Boy's Own Volumes, 9 vols. ; Boy's Own Paper, Girl's Own Paper, and Young England, for 1880.

PRINCIPAL WORKS OF REFERENCE

PURCHASED DURING THE YEAR.

Dugdale's *Antiquities of Warwickshire*, 1765; Plot's *Natural History of Staffordshire*; Lloyd and Dukes' *Shropshire*; Hartshorne's *Salopia Antiqua*; Noake's *Rambler in Worcestershire*. and other works; Strutt's *Regal and Ecclesiastical Antiquities of England*; Grose's *Antiquities of England and Wales*; *Antiquarian Repertory*, by Grose, Astle, and others; Fergusson's *Rude Stone Monuments*; Brandon's *Open Timber Roofs*.

Bury's *Remains of Ecclesiastical Woodwork*; Fergusson's *Architecture*, 4 vols.; Hall's *Baronial Halls of England*; Stukeley's *Stonehenge and Abury*; Fowke's *Bayeux Tapestry*; Jones's *Grammar of Ornament*; Hefner-Altenek, *Serrurerie*. [Artistic Iron-work of the Middle Ages]; Pugin's *Gothic Mouldings*; Photographs of Pugin's *Continental Sketches*; Pugin's *Designs for Gold and Silver, Iron and Brass-work*, etc.; Cripp's *Old English Plate*; Maskell's *Ivories, Ancient and Mediæval*; The *Turner Gallery*; Ruskin's *Modern Painters (original edition)*, *Stones of Venice* (revised edition), and other works; Mrs. Jameson's *Works on Early Christian Art*; Meyrick's *Ancient Armour*; Lubke's *History of Sculpture*; Grove's *Dictionary of Music and Musicians*; Smith's *Dictionaries of Greek and Roman Antiquities, Biography, and Mythology, Christian Antiquities*, etc.; Humphreys' *History of the Art of Printing*; Shaw's *Dresses and Decorations of the Middle Ages*; Sowerby's *Botany*; Bridgewater *Treatises*, complete set; Percy's *Metallurgy*; Watts's *Dictionary of Chemistry, with supplements*; Brande and Cox's *Dictionary of Science, Literature, and Art*; Ure and Hunt's *Dictionary of Arts, Manufactures, and Mines*; Spon's *Encyclopædia of Engineering*.

Encyclopædia Britannica, new edition; Johnson's *English Dictionary*, edited by Latham; Smith and Hamilton's *French Dictionary*; Smith's *Latin Dictionary*; Liddell and Scott's *Greek Lexicon*.

The *English Hexapla*; Clarke's and Henry's *Bible Commentaries*; *Missale Romanum*, (MS. Illuminated, of the 14th Century); Bp. Jeremy Taylor's *Works, best edition*.

Johnston's Royal Atlas, and Physical Atlas; Murchison's Siluria; Lyell's Elements and Principles of Geology; the principal works of Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall, etc.

Weale's Series, a complete set; comprising works on every subject in the department of arts and sciences, building construction and engineering, surveying, gas and water works, and books applicable to nearly all the various industries; elementary works on general knowledge; the Greek and Latin Classics, Lexicons, Dictionaries, etc., etc.

Good editions of the complete works of Addison, Bacon, Burke, Defoe, Swift, and other standard English authors; Shakspeare, (Knight's Pictorial Edition); Moliere's works, translated by Van Laun; Montaigne's Essays, translated by Cotton, edited by Hazlitt; the works of the Old English Chroniclers (Bohn's Edition); Blount's Tenures and Customs, edited by Hazlitt; Adams's Dictionary of English Literature; Allibone's Dictionary of English and American Authors; Darling's Cyclopædia Bibliographica; Taine's History of English Literature; Knight's Popular History of England; Cassell's History of England; Lingard's History of England; McCarthy's History of Our Own Time, vols. 3 and 4; Mill and Wilson's History of British India; Montalembert's Monks of the West; Arber's English Reprints, *large paper copy*; and many other equally valuable works in every department of literature, science, and art.

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1880															
March 27 to 31	10	35	2	14	2	463	24	69	102	34	74	829	820	3	276
April ..	48	230	8	68	52	3107	127	445	700	134	681	5600	5520	26	215
May ..	59	192	4	65	40	3121	121	372	776	129	692	5571	5483	25	223
June ..	32	154	2	109	48	3044	113	444	877	137	710	5700	5611	26	219
July ..	32	131	3	63	30	2016	92	268	627	105	605	3972	3911	18	220
August ..	34	174	1	63	52	2908	108	373	868	146	820	5547	5466	25	218
September ..	27	208	4	77	50	2958	105	393	858	154	853	5687	5618	26	218
October ..	40	201	7	101	66	2937	128	428	918	136	858	5820	5740	26	224
November ..	46	244	9	101	72	2901	115	455	939	138	846	5863	5796	26	225
December ..	44	231	3	86	54	2775	146	387	969	160	857	5712	5643	25	228
1881															
January ..	35	211	3	108	58	2954	189	428	969	97	820	5872	5783	26	225
February ..	54	255	2	110	64	2983	168	444	874	121	845	5920	5832	24	246
March 1 to 25 ..	44	201	9	86	42	2779	162	447	771	139	810	5490	5411	22	249
Totals ..	505	2497	54	1051	630	34946	1598	4953	10248	1630	9471	67583	66634	298	226

A FEW EXAMPLES OF ISSUES.

NOTE.—In counting the number of issues, renewals are not taken into account, as they are in libraries where each book is re-entered on renewal.

						<i>No. of times issued.</i>
Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress	15
Stopford Brooke's Sermons	16
Seekers after God, by Farrar	11
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Life of James Bruce, by Head	18
Extraordinary Men, by Russell	11
The Man with the Iron Mask, by Topin	15
The English Circumnavigators, by Purves, etc.	22
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Victoria History of England, by Thomson	17
Great Historical Mutinies	22
The Albert N'Yanza, by Baker	24
Voyage to the Polar Seas, by Nares .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	18
Across Africa, by Cameron .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	21
Daily News War Correspondence (Russia and Turkey) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	26
Fifteen Decisive Battles, by Creasy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	30
Memorials of Westminster Abbey, by Stanley .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	15
South by West, by Kingsley	15
How I found Livingstone, by Stanley	19
Kinglake's Crimea (vol. I)	19
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Mill's Political Economy	6
Fawcett's Political Economy	6
Bright's Speeches	6
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The Polar World, by Hartwig	11
Pepper's Playbook of Metals	16
„ Playbook of Science	20
Strange Stories of the Animal World, by Timbs	19
*Drawing Models and their Uses, by Harding	10
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Poetical Works of Cowper	13
„ „ „ Longfellow	22
„ „ „ Milton	17
„ „ „ Tennyson	14
Tennyson's Maud and Enoch Arden	12
Dramatic Works of Beaumont and Fletcher .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	17

* As a pleasing example of the use made of the elementary works on Drawing, etc., in the Library, it may be mentioned that a youth, eighteen years of age, (working as a baker, and debarred from the privileges of Art Classes) has, by the aid of these works, taught himself to draw correctly and well from nature, both landscapes and figures.

Alice Lorraine, by Blackmore	..	..	..	..	..	33
Ready-Money Mortiboy, by Besant and Rice (2 copies)	..	..	..	..	..	67
By Celia's Arbour, „ „ „ „	..	..	..	..	..	40
Good Wives, by Alcott	..	..	..	..	..	31
Maid of Killeena, by Black	..	..	..	..	..	42
Agatha's Husband, by Mrs. Craik	..	..	..	..	..	29
Lady Betty, by Coleridge	..	..	..	..	..	42
Martin Chuzzlewit, by Dickens (one of two copies)	..	..	..	..	..	27
Edwin Drood, „ „ (one of two copies)	..	..	..	..	..	40
Felix Holt, by 'George Eliot'	..	..	..	..	..	38
The Tallants of Barton, by Hatton	..	..	..	..	..	29
Story of Sevenoaks, by Holland	..	..	..	..	..	32
Nathalie, by Kavanagh	..	..	..	..	..	34
David Elginbrod, by Macdonald (two copies)	..	..	..	..	..	43
The Phantom Ship, by Marryat	..	..	..	..	..	32
Poor Jack, „ „	..	..	..	..	..	40
Surgeon's Daughter, by Scott	28
Rachel Ray, by Trollope	28
Fortunes of Cyril Denham, by Worboise	35
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Works of Charles Lamb	20
A Woman's Thoughts about Women, by Craik	10
Self Help, by Smiles	10
American Humour, edited by Haliburton	..	..	..	..	..	14
Defoe's Miscellaneous Works	..	..	..	..	..	13
Impressions of Theophrastus Such, by 'George Eliot'	13
American Notes, by Dickens (one of two copies)	31
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Argosy (issue of a single volume)	40
All the Year Round „	34
Belgravia „	27
Gentleman's Magazine „	20
Leisure Hour „	..	..	..	..	..	40
London Society „	..	..	..	..	..	25
Once a Week „	..	..	..	..	..	30
Sunday Magazine „	..	..	..	..	..	24

*** On an average, Popular Juvenile Books have issued during the year about 46 times each.

AGES AND OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

The issue of the present series of Borrowers' Tickets commenced in January, 1880, and at the date of the last report (March 25, 1880) numbered 1,368.

During the past year—from March 26th, 1880, to March 25th, 1881—1,332 New Tickets have been issued, making the present total number of Borrowers 2,700

AGES OF BORROWERS.

Under 14	727	51 to 60	58
14 to 20	857	61 etc.	33
21 to 30	547		<hr/>
31 to 40	319		2700
41 to 50	159		

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Accountants	4	Jewel-Case Makers	3
Agents	24	Jewellers, Lapidaries, etc. . .	79
Apprentices	4	Journalists	2
Architects and Surveyors	9	Labourers	3
Artists, Draughtsmen, etc.	6	Leather Worker	1
Bakers	9	Lamp Makers	4
Bicycle Maker	1	Locksmiths	2
Blacksmiths	2	Machinists	21
Boot and Shoe Makers	8	Maltster	1
Box Makers	4	Manufacturers, etc. . .	14
Brassfounders, etc.	11	Medical Profession	7
Brushmakers	2	Messengers and Errand Boys	15
Building Trade	18	Metal Workers	35
Butchers	6	Millers	2
Button Makers	8	Painters and Decorators	14
Cabinet Makers, Carpenters, etc. . .	31	Pawnbrokers	4
Chemists	3	Pearl Workers	2
Clergymen and Ministers	10	Photographer	1
Clerks	171	Printers, Stationers, etc. . .	27
Coal Trade	3	Public Officials	23
Commercial Travellers	20	Publicans, Brewers, &c. . .	7
Confectioners	5	Railway Servants	2
Dairyman	1	Rule Manufacturer	1
Die Sinkers	5	Scholars and Students	764
Domestic Servants	21	Schoolmasters, Teachers, etc. . .	136
Drapers, Tailors, etc.	23	Shopkeepers	25
Dressmakers, etc.	49	Solicitors	2
Dyer	1	Spectacle Makers	2
Electro-Platers	6	Spur Maker	1
Engineers	4	Stonemasons	11
Engravers and Chasers	24	Telegraphists, etc. . .	4
Fitters	7	Tool Makers	8
Foreman	1	Turners	3
Gardeners	2	Warehousemen	27
Gas Fitters	2	Watchmakers	10
Glassworkers	6	Wiredrawers	3
Grocers	31	Miscellaneous occupations	49
Gun Makers	26	No occupation	808
Inland Revenue Officers	6		<hr/>
Japanners, Polishers, etc.	3		2700

DONATIONS.

BAKER, A. W., Esq., (The Publisher)—

Aston Local Board Sketches.

BESTON, J. T., Esq.—

Good Words, 1878 and 1879, 2 vols.

Quiver, 1878 to 1880, 3 vols.

Day of Rest, 1878 to 1880, 3 vols.

Sunday Magazine, 1878 to 1880, 3 vols

CRESSWELL, H., Esq.—

National Review, 6 vols.

COBDEN CLUB (The)—

The Western Farmer in America, and other pamphlets published by the Cobden Club.

Financial Reform Almanack, 1881.

Systems of Land Tenure in Various Countries. New Edition, 1881.

History of the Free-Trade Movement, by Mongredien.

EYRE AND SPOTTISWOODE, Messrs. (The Publishers)—

The Variorum Bible.

FREE LIBRARIES, Annual Reports of—

Birmingham, Bolton, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Dundee, Glasgow (Mitchell Library), Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newport, Norwich, Plymouth, Preston, Rochdale, Salford, Southport (Atkinson Library), Stockport, Swansea, Walsall, Westminster, Wolverhampton.

FREE LIBRARIES, Catalogues of—

Birmingham, Handsworth, and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HALL, H. T., Esq. (The Author)—

Shakespeare Fly-Leaves. *First and second series.*

Shakespearian Statistics.

Shakespeare's Plays : Notes on the Separate 4tos. and the Alterations. *Two editions.*

Memorial of the Tercentary in Cambridge.

HALLIWELL-PHILLIPPS, J. O., Esq., F.R.S. (The Author)—

Shakespeare Memoranda, on "Hamlet," "A Midsummer Night's Dream,"
"Love's Labour Lost," "All's Well that Ends Well," etc. 4 vols.

HIBBERT, J., Esq., (The Author)—

Outlines of Materialistic Philosophy.

Notes on Free Public Libraries and Museums.

INGLEBY, C. M., Esq., LL.D. (The Author)—

Shakespeare's Centurie of Prayse.

Shakespeare : The Man and the Book. Part I.

Shakespeare Hermeneutics.

MACMILLAN AND CO., Messrs. (The Publishers)—

The Marquis of Bath, on Bulgarian Affairs.

MAY, H., L.R.C.P.L., Esq.—

Health of Aston Manor : Annual Report, 1880.

Centenary of the Birmingham Library.

MULLINS, J. D., Esq.—

Catalogue of the Birmingham Reference Library, 1869.

Catalogue of the Shakespeare Memorial Library, Birmingham.

NAYLOR, Mr. W. G.—

Twenty-four volumes, Railway Novels, Annuals, etc.

RODDIS, J., Esq. (The Author)—

Art Workmen, Past and Present.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, The—

Journal of the Society (weekly, as published).

SPAWTON, E. W., Esq. (The Author)—

Nightwinds, and other Poems. Two copies.

STONE, J. H., Esq.—

Church Work in Birmingham, by Brindley.

TREVELYAN, Sir C. (The Author)—

The Irish Crisis : A Narrative of the Famine of 1844.

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY, The—

The Dietetic Reformer (monthly, as published).

WALTERS, Rev. W. (The Author)—

Laws of Life.

The Choice of Companions.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS, FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE
PUBLISHERS—

Aston Chronicle.

Newcastle Chronicle.

Press and St. James's Chronicle.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

March, 1880, to March, 1881.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.		EXPENDITURE.		£ s. d.	
To Reserve Fund	500 0 0	By Books and Periodicals ..	..	..	284 16 4
Balance from last year	30 5 0	" Bookbinding ..	..	..	38 10 2
" Free Libraries' Rate, at 1d. in the £	478 8 9	" Printing and Stationery ..	..	..	41 5 6
" Fines	36 5 8	" Salaries ..	..	..	126 5 4
" Damages	0 13 7	" Petty Expenses..	..	..	4 2 2
" Sale of 164 Catalogues. at 6d.	4 2 0	" Reserve Fund*	..	..	500 0 0
" Sale of Class Lists, at 2d., 1d., and ½d.	1 19 11	" Balance ..	..	..	57 1 1
" Sale of 68 Ticket Cases, at 1d.	0 5 8				
			<u>£1,052 0 7</u>				<u>£1,052 0 7</u>

* Of this amount £313 13s. had already been expended by purchase of Books for the Reference Library. previous to March 25th, 1881, but the accounts were not paid until May. The amount of Reserve Fund *actually unexpended*, therefore, on March 25th was £186 7s.



MANOR OF ASTON LOCAL BOARD.

THE
➤ Fourth & Annual & Report ➤
OF THE
FREE LIBRARIES
COMMITTEE.

MARCH 26TH, 1881, TO MARCH 25TH, 1882.

ASTON :
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Manor of Aston Free Libraries Committee.

1881-82.

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Upon the re-appointment of the Committee, April 18, 1882, Messrs. R. W. NIGHTINGALE and F. F. PANK were appointed in place of Messrs. J. T. CANT and F. Y. POULTON.

→ REPORT ←

THE Free Libraries Committee have pleasure in presenting their Fourth Annual Report of the work of the Library.

The completion of the New Library Buildings in December last enabled the Committee to place at the service of the inhabitants the valuable collection of Works of Reference which had been in course of formation during the last two years. Lists of purchases for the Reference Department were published in the second and third annual reports, and to these the Committee have pleasure in adding a third list in the present Report (pp. 6 and 7).

The New Library Buildings were publicly opened on the 4th of January, 1882, and issues of books in the Reference and Lending Departments commenced on the following morning. During the three months since the opening, the Reference Library has been frequented daily by all classes ; and on many occasions, especially during the evening, the accommodation provided for readers in this department has been taxed to its utmost limits.

In the Lending Department, during the earlier weeks of the present year, the issues were somewhat reduced, owing to the withdrawal of the old borrowing-cards and the necessary renewal of vouchers ; but as an evidence of the continued interest manifested by the borrowers, the Committee would point out that 1,973 vouchers were renewed during the three months of the present year, as against 1,368 renewed during the first three months of 1880, after the withdrawal of the first series of borrowing cards.

The large attendances in the News-room have, day by day, since the opening, already evidenced how great a want this Institution has supplied ; and the eagerness with which periodicals of the better class are enquired for and perused, testifies to the educational value even of this department. A list of periodicals to be found on the tables is printed on pages 8 and 9.

A want long felt by the commercial class in this locality has been met by the Committee by the provision of copies of the London and Birmingham Post Office Directories, which, together with the local Directories kindly presented by Mr. Hulley (the publisher), have been placed in the News-room, where they may be freely used, without the preliminary of filling up any form of application.

Donations of Books have been received from time to time during the year, for which the Committee beg to express their cordial thanks to the various donors. Two donations of the year call for special acknowledgment in this Report, viz: a handsomely-bound copy of the *Vetusta Monumenta*—the great work on British Antiquities, published by the Society of Antiquaries—presented by Mr. Joseph Ansell, jun. ; and an interesting collection of works on Indian History, Topography, and Literature, presented to the Library by the Secretary of State for India. A list of the various gifts is appended to this Report.

Tables of Issues, ages and occupations of Borrowers, Receipts and Expenditure, and other information respecting the work of the Library, will be found in the succeeding pages.

JOHN HARVEY, M.D.,

Chairman.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT,

OPENED JANUARY 4th, 1882.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY,

March 25th, 1882.

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	...	...	212
British Topography—Local	...	...	...	...	...	121
" " General	...	...	...	...	...	113
Foreign Topography, Geography, and Travel	...	...	...	...	...	78
Law, Politics, Statistical Works, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	45
History—British	...	...	...	...	...	119
" General	...	...	...	...	...	100
Biography	...	...	...	...	...	91
Arts and Sciences	...	...	...	...	...	492
Natural History, Physical Science, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	207
Dictionaries and Cyclopædias	...	...	...	...	...	53
Poetry and the Drama	...	...	...	...	...	52
General Literature—including complete sets of various Authors, Libraries, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	450
Periodicals	...	...	...	...	...	188
						<u>2,321</u>

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT,

January 5th to March 25th, 1882.

Date.	Theology, etc.	British Topography.	Geography, Travel, etc.	History.	Biography.	Law, etc.	Arts and Sciences.	Natural History, etc.	Dictionaries and Cyclopædias.	Poetry and the Drama.	General Literature.	Periodicals.	TOTAL.
Jan. 5 to 31 ...	41	35	134	109	9	4	272	83	14	54	49	43	847
February	34	63	114	75	4	8	203	57	29	32	41	46	706
March 1 to 25	53	25	57	65	16	3	156	37	25	24	58	37	556
	128	123	305	249	29	15	631	177	68	110	148	126	2109

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR.

[For earlier purchases see *Second Annual Report*, p. 7, and *Third Annual Report*, pp. 7-8.]

Vetusta Monumenta, 6 vols ; Nash's History of Worcestershire, 2 vols. ; Blore's Monumental Remains ; Speed's, Kip's, Morden's, Moll's, and other old Maps of Staffordshire and Warwickshire ; Bradford's Map of Birmingham, 1751 ; Pigott Smith's Map of Birmingham, with Names of Property-owners, 1825 ; The Churches of Warwickshire ; Warwickshire Antiquarian Magazine ; Merdieu's Catalogue of Warwickshire Portraits ; Historical Collections, Staffordshire (Salt Society Publications), 2 vols ; Bateman's Antiquities of Derbyshire ; Davies' British Druids and Celtic Researches ; Sharpe's Antiquities of Coventry ; Visitation of Warwickshire, edited by Fetherston ; Hill's Market Harborough and the Hundred of Gartree, Leicestershire ; Chamberlain's History of London ; Old and New London, 6 vols ; Walcott's Four Minsters Round the Wrekin.

The Art Wealth of England (South Kensington Loan Collection, 1862) ; Hamerton's Etching and Etchers ; Redgrave's Notes on the Water-colour Paintings at South Kensington ; Strutt's Dress and Habits of the People of England, 2 vols. ; Gwilt's Encyclopædia of Architecture, by Papworth ; Auberville's Ornamental Textile Fabrics ; Ruskin's Seven Lamps of Architecture, *new edition* ; Nash's Mansions of England, 4 vols. ; Chatto's History of Wood Engraving ; Ruskin's Notes on Prout and Hunt ; Audsley and Bowes' Ceramic Art of Japan ; Jewitt's Ceramic Art in Great Britain ; Birch's Ancient Pottery ; Marryat's Pottery and Porcelain ; Rimbault's History of the Pianoforte : Lodge's Portraits, 10 vols. ; Marshall's Anatomy for Artists ; Humber's Iron Bridges, 2 vols. ; Shaw's Sketches from the Continent ; Nesfield's Sketches from France and Germany.

Günther's Study of Fishes ; Wyville Thomson's Voyage of the Challenger, 2 vols. ; Reports on the Scientific Results of the Voyage of the Challenger, 3 vols. ; Quain's Anatomy, by Sharpey, etc., 2 vols. ; Darwin's Movements of Plants, Animals and Plants under Domestication, Vegetable Mould and Earthworms, and other works ; Owen's Palæontology ; Carpenter's Human Physiology, by Power, *last edition* ; Leighton's Lichen Flora, *third edition* ; Berkeley's British Mosses ; Forbes and Hanley's British Mollusca, 4 vols. ; Nature, (*from the commencement*), 23 vols.

Guizot's Histories of England and France, 8 vols. ; Green's Making of England ; Green's History of the English People, 4 vols. ; Bancroft's History of the United States, *American edition*, 10 vols. ; Kitchin's History

of France, 3 vols. ; Cusack's History of Ireland ; Baldwin's Prehistoric Nations ; May's Constitutional History of England, 3 vols. ; Froude's English in Ireland, 3 vols. ; Jesse's Lives of the Stuarts and the Pretenders ; Foster's Life of Dickens, 3 vols. ; Charles Dickens's Letters, 3 vols. ; Life of Kingsley, 2 vols. ; Greville Memoirs, 3 vols. ; Jerrold's Life of Cruikshank, 2 vols. ; Phillips's Dictionary of Biographical Reference.

Records of the Past (Bagster) 12 vols. ; Milman's Latin Christianity, etc., 12 vols ; Neander's Church History, 10 vols. ; Daubigne's History of the Reformation in the time of Calvin, 8 vols. ; Lecky's History of Rationalism, 2 vols. ; Vaughan's Hours with the Mystics, 2 vols. ; Döllinger's First Age of the Church, 2 vols.

Bohn's Classical Library, 92 vols. ; Ben Jonson's Works, 9 vols. ; Morley's Library of English Literature, 5 vols. ; Hugh Miller's Works, 13 vols. Emerson's Works, *American edition*, 6 vols. ; Webster's Dictionary, *American edition* ; Grant's Aristotle, 2 vols. ; Sterne's Works, 4 vols. ; Smollett's Works, 5 vols. ; Wheeler's Familiar Allusions ; Chaucer, Urry's edition, *folio* ; Recreative Review, 3 vols ; Chambers's Book of Days, 2 vols. ; Griswold's Prose Writers of America ; Bartlett's Dictionary of Americanisms ; Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable ; Lower's History of Surnames, 2 vols.

Glen's Public Health Act ; The Local Government Directory ; Houghton's Post Office Directory of Birmingham ; Kelly's London Directory ; Whitaker's Almanacks (from 1872) ; Martin's Stateman's Year Book, 1882.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The Reference Department is open from TEN o'clock in the morning until TEN o'clock in the evening, uninterruptedly.

Books may be used in this Department by any person over fourteen years of age, on filling up the usual form. A separate form must be filled up for each work consulted.

To prevent the possibility of damage to the costly illustrated books in this Department, no ink is allowed to be used in making extracts from books, neither can any *tracing* be made of any map, diagram, or other illustration.

No book, map, manuscript, or other document in the Reference Library can be taken out of the room set apart for the use of readers in this Department.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

To be found on the tables in the News-room and Reference Library.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2)	Daily News
Birmingham Daily Mail (2)	Daily Telegraph
Birmingham Daily Post (2)	Standard
The Times	

WEEKLY.

Academy	Land and Water
*Aston Chronicle	Literary World
*Aston Indicator (2)	Local Government Chronicle
Athenæum	*Midland Counties Herald
*Birmingham Circle	Musical World
*Birmingham Dart	Nature
*Birmingham Owl (2)	New York Herald
Boston Transcript	New York Nation
Builder	*Newcastle Chronicle
Building News	Notes and Queries
Dublin Freeman's Journal	Phonetic Journal
Engineer	Pictorial World
Engineering	*Press and St. James's Chronicle
English Mechanic	Punch
Field	Saturday Review
Fun	School Board Chronicle
Garden	Scientific American
Gardening	Scotsman
Graphic	Spectator
Harper's Weekly	*Sutton Coldfield and Erdington
Illustrated London News	News
Iron	Vanity Fair
*Journal of the Society of Arts	World

FORTNIGHTLY.

Melbourne Argus

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round	Gentleman's Magazine
Argosy	Good Words
Atlantic Monthly	Harper's New Monthly Magazine
Belgravia	Leisure Hour
Blackwood's Magazine	London Society
*Building Trades Gazette	Macmillan's Magazine
Cassell's Magazine	Magazine of Art
Century Magazine (Scribners')	Nineteenth Century
Chambers's Journal	Quiver
Contemporary Review	Sanitary Record
Cornhill Magazine	Star-Bowkett Journal
*Dietetic Reformer	Sunday at Home
Fortnightly Review	Sunday Magazine
Fraser's Magazine	Temple Bar

Time

QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review	Modern Review
Edinburgh Review	Quarterly Review
Westminster Review	



LENDING DEPARTMENT,

OPENED FEBRUARY 4th, 1878.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LENDING LIBRARY,
MARCH 25th, 1882.

Theology and Moral Philosophy	259
Biography, History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	539
Law, Political Economy, Social Science, etc.	41
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	297
Abridgments of Patent Specifications	101
Poetry and the Drama	204
Fiction	1,884
Miscellaneous Literature	578
Magazines, Reviews, etc.	945
Juvenile Literature	459
Total of Lending Department	5,307

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING
DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR.

The Authentic Gospel : Sermons by George Dawson ; The Revised New Testament ; Salvator Mundi, by S. Cox ; Memories of Olivet, by Macduff.

Life of Bishop Selwyn, 2 vols. ; Stephen's Essays in Ecclesiastical Biography ; The Great Lone Land, The Wild North Land, and Akim-Foo, by Butler, 3 vols. ; The Cruise of the *Challenger*, by Spry ; The Two Americas, by Price ; Foreign Countries and British Colonies, vols. ; Sunshine and Storm in the East, by Mrs. Brassey.

The Sun, by Young ; The Atomic Theory, by Wurtz ; Footnotes from the Page of Nature, by Macmillan ; Where to Find Ferns, by Heath ; Modern Chromatics, by Rood ; A Year's Cookery, by Phillis Browne ; Volcanoes, by Judd ; Culture of Flowers and Plants, by Glenny ; Common-sense Management of the Stomach, by Drewry ; Geological Gossip, by Ansted ; Coal Fields of Great Britain, by Hull ; Geology, by Page, 2 vols. ; Illusions, by Sully ; Practical Poultry-Keeping, by Wright ; Myth and Science, by Vignoli ; Studies in Spectrum Analysis, by Lockyer.

Farm Ballads, etc., by Carleton, 3 vols. ; Sungleams and Shadows, by Capern ; A. H. Clough's Poems ; Latter-Day Lyrics, edited by Adams ; Carols of Cockayne, by Leigh ; Muses of Mayfair, edited by Pennell ; Puck on Pegasus, by Pennell.

Recent Novels by Max Adeler, Miss Alcott, Besant and Rice, W. Black, Miss Braddon, C. R. Coleridge, Mrs. Craik, Miss B. Edwards, Miss Fothergill, Charles Gibbon, Mrs. C. Hoey, R. M. Kettle, George Macdonald, F. Marryat, H. Mathers, J. Payn, W. C. Russell, Mrs. Stowe, Mark Twain, Jules Verne, and E. J. Worboise.

The Works of Nathaniel Hawthorne, 10 vols. ; Plain English, by Hollinshead ; Lares and Penates, by Mrs. Caddy ; Club Cameos ; The World Behind the Scenes, by Fitzgerald ; The History of a Crime, by Hugo ; Curiosities of Criticism, by Jennings ; My Study Windows, by Lowell.

Seventy volumes of Magazines, Reviews, etc., in continuation of sets.

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

From March 26th, 1881, to March 25th, 1882.

DATE.	Theology, etc.	Biography, History, etc.	Law, Politics, etc.	Arts and Sciences, Patents, &c.	Poetry and the Drama.	Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines.	Juvenile Books.	Current Periodicals.	Renewals.	TOTAL.	Or, counting by Works instead of Volumes.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
1881.															
March 26 to 31	10	51	5	20	9	627	32	97	145	52	302	1350	1334	5	270
April	41	262	5	109	48	3549	175	463	904	115	820	6491	6384	24	270
May	50	212	1	113	59	3327	178	469	841	122	955	6327	6230	26	243
June	40	172	3	110	63	3210	117	417	783	106	885	5906	5823	25	236
July	43	171	2	75	52	3171	110	408	750	104	890	5776	5673	26	221
August	37	216	4	89	49	3424	121	371	804	116	830	6061	5959	26	233
September ...	42	215	6	93	66	3377	139	482	975	103	974	6472	6376	26	249
October	40	185	2	91	51	3312	155	520	908	106	926	6296	6213	26	241
* November ...	26	166	3	66	46	2491	116	354	707	92	852	4919	4841	23	213
1882.															
January	44	203	5	114	57	1805	127	347	1065	26	236	4039	3961	23	175
February	56	324	15	138	73	2970	235	641	1493	23	536	6504	6395	24	271
March 1 to 25 ...	42	250	5	122	67	2984	176	607	1136	70	502	5961	5886	22	270
TOTALS	471	2427	56	1140	640	34247	1681	5176	10511	1035	8708	66092	65075	276	240

* Closed during the month of December, for removal to new premises, re-arranging, &c.

AGES AND OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

The following Tables show the Ages and Occupations of the 1973 Borrowers who have renewed their Vouchers since January, 1882, up to March 25th.

Since the issue of the Third Annual Report, up to December, 1881, 700 Tickets were issued. Total number of Tickets issued from January 1st, 1880, to December 31st, 1881 3400

AGES OF BORROWERS.

Under 14	609	From 41 to 50	104
From 14 to 20	469	„ 51 to 60	48
„ 21 to 30	443	„ 61 to 70	27
„ 31 to 40	273		1973

OCCUPATIONS OF BORROWERS.

Accountants	5	Japanners, Polishers, etc. ...	4
Agents	9	Jewel-Case Makers	3
Apprentices	5	Jewellers, Lapidaries, etc. ...	56
Architects and Surveyors ...	2	Journalists	2
Artist	1	Labourers	3
Bakers and Confectioners ...	11	Machinists	13
Blacksmith	1	Managers	9
Brassfounders	17	Manufacturers... ..	9
Brushmaker	1	Medical Profession	5
Building Trades	6	Messengers and Errand Boys	13
Burnishers	4	Metal Workers	5
Bookbinder	1	Painters	7
Button Makers	5	Pawnbrokers	3
Carpenters and Cabinet Makers	18	Pearl Workers... ..	3
Chandelier Makers	4	Pen Makers	4
Chemists	7	Photographers... ..	6
Clergymen and Ministers ...	8	Printers, Stationers, etc. ...	19
Clerks	117	Public Officials	9
Coal Trade	11	Publican	1
Commercial Travellers ...	10	Scholars and Students ...	642
Corn Dealers	4	Schoolmasters and Teachers	92
Die Sinkers	6	Shopkeepers	12
Domestic Servants	9	Solicitors	3
Drapers and Tailors	18	Stone Masons	6
Dressmakers, etc.	35	Tinsmiths	4
Dyer	1	Tool Makers	5
Electro-Platers	10	Turners... ..	3
Engineers	5	Warehouse	18
Engravers and Chasers ...	17	Watchmakers	10
Fitters	5	Miscellaneous occupations ...	65
Gardeners	2	No occupation... ..	552
Grocers	20		
Gun Makers	13		
Inland Revenue Officers ...	9		
		Total ...	1973

DONATIONS.

ANONYMOUS—

Crawley's Handbook of Competitive Examinations.

ANTHONY, C. Junr., Esq. (The Author)—

Social and Political Dependence of Women.

Popular Sovereignty.

ANSELL, J., Junr., Esq. -

Vetusta Monumenta : Antiquities of Great Britain, 6 vols., folio.

ASTON, T. H., Esq.—

Life of Henry Martyn.

Two works on the Sunday Question.

Ten Pamphlets, chiefly on Protestantism.

ASTON LIBERAL ASSOCIATION—

Acknowledgment of vote of condolence on the death of President Garfield ; with autograph of J. Russell Lowell.

ASTON LOCAL BOARD—

Acknowledgment of vote of condolence on the death of President Garfield ; with autograph of J. Russell Lowell.

BAGNALL, J. E., Esq. (The Author)—

Notes on Sutton Coldfield : its Flowering Plants, etc.

Three other Tracts on the Flora of Warwickshire.

BIRMINGHAM ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION (Midland Institute)—

Transactions of, from 1874. 3 parts.

BROWN, J., Esq. (The Author)—

Two Pamphlets on Engineering.

COBDEN CLUB (The) - -

The Reciprocity Craze. 3 copies.

The Rt. Hon. J. Chamberlain's Speech on the French Treaty. 3 copies.

Financial Reform Almanack, 1882. 3 copies.

Local Taxation and Local Government in Great Britain.

Also several Pamphlets per J. D. Mullins, Esq.

CROMPTON, H., Esq. (The Author)—

Industrial Conciliation.

DENT, Mr. R. K.--

Punishments in the Olden Time, by Andrews.

Pigott Smith's Map of Birmingham, 1825.

Several old Warwickshire Pamphlets (17th century), etc.

DOWLER, Mr. T.—

Newton's Milton, *with curious plates by Hayman*, 2 vols.

Chefs d'Œuvres Dramatiques, 3 vols.

Goldsmith's Roman History, 2 vols.

Views of Canada and the Colonists, by Brown ; and other works.

DOWNING, W., Esq.—

George Cruikshank, by W. Bates. *Large paper copy.*
The Priestly Memorial Celebration in Birmingham.

FAYO, JOHN, Esq., U.S. Commissioner of Education—

Circulars of Information of the Bureau of Education, 5 nos.

HARVEY, J. Esq., M.D.—

Monthly Microscopical Journal, 7 vols.
Bible Manual. (Nisbet).
Fletcher's Family Devotions.
Works of Robert Hall, 5 vols.
Todd & Bowman's Physiological Anatomy, 2 vols.
Dilke's Greater Britain.
Fowne's Manual of Chemistry ; and twenty other vols.

HILL, J., Esq.—

S. Chrysostom on the Priesthood. Translated by H. Hollier, *Vicar of Aston*, circa 1729.

HOLINSWORTH, C. B., Esq. (The Editor)—

Works of "Zion Ward." 3 parts.

HOUGHTON, C., Esq. (The Publisher)—

Old and New Birmingham, by R. K. Dent. *Large paper copy.*

HUGGINS, W., Esq. (The Author)—

Chart illustrating the Course of Architecture : with accompanying Book.

HULLEY, J., Esq. (The Publisher)—

Hulley's Birmingham Directory, 1881—2.

INDIA, The Right Hon. the Secretary of State for—

Thornton's History of British India, 6 vols.
Eastern Persia : its Geography, Zoology, etc., illustrated. (An official publication), 2 vols.
Jackson's Hydraulic Manual.
Memoirs of Sir Elijah Impey.
Adi Granth : the Sacred Book of the Sikhs.
Indian Wisdom, by Monier Williams.
Jackson's Canal and Culvert Tables
Hamilton's East India Gazetteer, 2 vols.
Hutchinson's Literary Works.
Laurie's Second Burmese War.
Smith's Italian Irrigation, 2 vols.
Campbell's India as it may be.
Auber's Rise and Progress of the British Power in India, 2 vols.

INGLEBY, C. M., Esq., LL.D. (The Author)—

Shakespeare : the Man and the Book. Part II.

LIBRARIES (FREE) : Annual Reports of—

Birmingham, Bolton, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chester, Crewe (Mechanics' Institution), Dundee, Glasgow (Mitchell Library), Handsworth, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Newport, Norwich, Plymouth, Preston, Rochdale, Salford, Southport (Atkinson Library), Stockport, Swansea, Walsall, Wednesbury, Westminster, Wolverhampton.

LIBRARIES (FREE) : Catalogues of —
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MAY, H. Esq., L.R.C.P.L.—
Annual Report on the Health of Aston, 1881.
Census Returns, 1881.

PITMAN, I., Esq. (per J. D. Mullins, Esq.)—
Parcel of Phonetic and Phonotypic Publications.

SANDLES, Mrs. (per J. Rutherford, Jun.)—
The *Aston Observer*, from September, 1879 to July, 1880

SWEDENBORG SOCIETY (for Reference Department)—
The Works of Emanuel Swedenborg, 37 vols.
Other Publications of the Swedenborg Society, 19 vols.

SMITH, The Rev. F., M.A.—
Annals of Queen's College, Birmingham, 4 vols.
Edward Townsend Cox : a Memoir.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, The—
Journal of the Society (weekly, as published).

THRUPP, G. A., Esq. (The Author)—
The History of Coaches.

TIMMINS, S., Esq., J.P., F.S.A.—
Birmingham Inventors and Inventions, by R. B. Prosser. *One of 50
copies only.*

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY, The—
The Dietetic Reformer (monthly, as published).

WEBB, W. LLOYD, Esq.—
Virtue's Imperial Edition of Shakespeare, 2 vols., folio.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS, FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE
PUBLISHERS—

Aston Chronicle.
Aston Indicator. 2 copies.
Birmingham Circle.
Birmingham Dart.
Birmingham Owl. 2 copies.
Building Trades' Gazette.
Midland Counties' Herald.
Newcastle Chronicle.
Press and St. James's Chronicle.
Starr-Bowkett Journal.
Sutton Coldfield and Erdington News.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

March 1881, to March 1882.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.		EXPENDITURE.		Gr.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Reserve Fund	By Books	...	...	489 4 3
" Balance from last year	59 12 9	" Periodicals	...	...	14 13 6
" Free Libraries' Rate, at 1d. in the £	493 8 5	" Bookbinding	...	...	31 0 6
" Fines	36 3 10	" Printing and Stationery	...	...	13 5 3
" Damages	0 13 5	" Salaries	...	...	132 0 0
" Sale of Catalogues	4 14 0	" Petty Expenses	...	...	9 1 10
" Sale of Class Lists	3 13 4	" Balance of Reserve Fund	413 0 5
" Sale of Old Fittings	4 0 0				
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REPORT.

THE Free Libraries Committee have pleasure in presenting their Sixth Annual Report of the work of the Library.

The Statistics of the Reference Department exhibit a marked increase in the number of readers using that department ; this is perhaps in some measure due to the completion of the catalogue, a work which supplies not merely a list of the books in the Library, but also a full index to the subjects treated of therein.

The Lending Department still maintains its popularity, as is evidenced by the fact that between February 1st and March 25th, 1884, no less than 1469 new tickets were issued, in accordance with the rule which provides for the renewal of vouchers every two years.

In fulfilment of the resolution referred to in the last Report, a Branch Reading Room was opened in Lichfield Road, (near the end of Victoria Road), on Saturday, October 6th, 1883. A considerable attendance of ratepayers at the opening ceremony afforded an indication of the interest felt by the inhabitants in the step thus taken by the Committee, while the constant use of the Reading Room by large numbers of persons since its opening, has fully justified the action of the Committee in making such provision for the wants of that locality.

Early in the autumn of last year the Committee took into consideration the question of instituting a course of Free Popular Lectures during the winter months, and arrangements were made for commencing the first series in November. Nine Lectures have been

delivered during the past four months, of which particulars will be found on page 12 of this Report.

The Committee would here express their cordial thanks to the gentlemen who have so kindly rendered assistance in this attempt to extend the provisions of the Institution under their care for the intellectual wants of the District,—an attempt which has been amply justified by the success which has attended the series of Lectures just brought to a conclusion.

The usual Statistical Tables, Lists of Donations, and recent additions to the Library, and other information respecting the work of the Library, will be found in the succeeding pages.

FREDERICK SMITH, M A.,

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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

OPENED JANUARY 4th, 1882.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

March 25, 1884.

	PAGE
Theology and Philosophy	201
British Topography (including Local Books)	312
Maps, Prints, etc.	28
Directories	6
History, Geography and Travel, and Foreign Topography	529
Biography	168
Law, Politics, Statistical Works, etc.	75
Arts and Sciences	539
Natural History, Physical Science, etc.	340
Dictionaries and Encyclopædias	93
Poetry and the Drama	208
General Literature—including complete sets of various Authors, Libraries, Classics, etc.	665
Periodicals	239
	<u>3403</u>

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Date	Theology, etc.	British Topography.	Geography, Travel, etc.	History.	Biography.	Law, etc.	Arts and Sciences.	Natural History, etc.	Dictionaries and Encyclopædias.	Poetry and the Drama.	General Literature.	Periodicals.	Consulting Books.	TOTAL.
1883														
March 27 to 31	17	8	14	11	5	—	37	2	3	10	37	26	—	170
April	49	31	63	31	30	2	227	49	14	64	124	134	—	818
May	44	28	40	45	14	2	173	43	29	43	91	152	*	704
June	22	23	46	32	2	2	131	15	15	15	125	125	—	553
July	43	48	45	18	7	4	144	51	29	27	146	139	—	701
August	44	58	31	32	4	11	128	43	45	42	130	79	125	772
September ..	18	47	31	43	17	18	157	58	35	39	137	168	141	909
October	79	39	40	79	19	16	237	98	30	54	99	197	211	1198
November ...	34	37	51	97	30	9	211	47	38	50	127	210	167	1108
December ..	38	21	37	32	15	5	120	30	28	60	107	196	123	812
1884.														
January	39	44	58	48	51	5	188	53	30	57	195	190	140	1098
February	32	12	85	74	71	4	195	61	26	52	138	199	166	1115
March 1 to 25	52	31	37	52	116	6	189	83	64	52	111	130	160	1083
	511	427	578	594	381	84	2137	633	386	565	1567	1945	1233	11041

* Previous to August, 1883, no account had been taken of the use of the Consulting Books placed within reach of the reader in the Reference Department. These statistics are now obtained by a simple method. Each book in the case has a ticket resting on the top edge, and when the book is taken out, the user drops the ticket through a slit into a box in front of the bookcase.

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR.

Bacon's Atlas of the British Isles ; Smith's Warwickshire ; Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of England and Wales, 7 vols. ; James's History of Presbyterian Churches in England ; Mrs. Beale's Memorials of the Old Meeting House, Birmingham ; Green's Conquest of England ; Macaulay's Sea Pictures ; Green's Scottish Pictures ; Wiffen's History of the House of Russell, 2 vols.

Bishop Wilberforce's Memoirs, 3 vols. ; Trollope's Autobiography, 2 vols.

Racinet's Polychromatic Ornament ; Gosse's Life and Works of George Tinworth ; Sanders's Examples of Carved Oak Woodwork ; Cooley's Cyclopædia of Practical Receipts, 2 vols. ; Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, vol. 3 ; King's Antique Gems and Rings, 2 vols. ; Walsh's Ancient Coins and Gems ; Urquhart and Webb on the Electric Light ; Du Moncel on Electro-Magnets, and on Electricity as a Motive Power ; The Electric Lighting Act ; Weale's Series, 10 new vols. in continuation of series.

Darwin on Climbing Plants.

Guthrie on Herbert Spencer's Unification of Knowledge, and on his Formula of Evolution, 2 vols. ; Farrar's Early Days of Christianity, 2 vols. ; Knight's Pictorial Bible, 3 vols.

Phonetic Journal, 1873 to 1882, (*except 1875*). Penny Cyclopædia, 27 vols.

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The Reference Department is open from TEN o'clock in the morning until TEN o'clock in the evening, uninterruptedly.

Books may be used in this Department by any person over fourteen years of age, on filling up the usual form. A separate form must be filled up for each work consulted.

To prevent the possibility of damage to the costly illustrated books in this Department, no ink is allowed to be used in making extracts from books, neither can any *tracing* be made of any map, diagram, or other illustration.

No book, map, manuscript, or other document in the Reference Library can be taken out of the room set apart for the use of readers in this Department.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

To be found on the tables in the News room and Reference Library.

Those marked thus * are presented.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2)	London Daily News
Birmingham Daily Mail (2)	London Daily Telegraph
Birmingham Daily Post (2)	London Standard
*Midland Echo	London Times

WEEKLY.

*Alliance News	Literary World
*Aston Times	Local Government Chronicle
*Athlete	*Midland Counties Herald
Athenæum	*Moonshine
*Birmingham & Aston Chronicle	Musical World
*Birmingham Graphic	Nature
*Birmingham Owl	New York Herald
Building News	Notes and Queries
*Derbyshire Times	*Oracle
Dublin Freeman's Journal	Phonetic Journal
Engineer	Pictorial World
English Mechanic	*Press and St. James's Chronicle
Fun	Punch
Garden	Saturday Review
Gardening	School Board Chronicle
*Gloucester Journal	Scotsman
Graphic	Spectator
Harper's Weekly	*Warwick and Warwickshire
*Hereford Times	Advertiser
Illustrated London News	*Worcester Journal (Berrow's)
*Journal of the Society of Arts	World
Land and Water	

FORTNIGHTLY.

Melbourne Argus

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round	Harper's Monthly Magazine
Argosy	*Inventor's Record
Art Journal	Leisure Hour
Atlantic Monthly	*Liberator
Belgravia	London Society
Blackwood's Magazine	Longman's Magazine
Cassell's Magazine	Macmillan's Magazine
Century Magazine (Scribner's)	Magazine of Art
Chambers's Journal	*Midland Railway Time Tables
Contemporary Review	Nineteenth Century
Cornhill Magazine	Quiver
*Dietetic Reformer	Sunday at Home
English Illustrated Magazine	Sunday Magazine
*Everybody's Time Table	Temple Bar
Fortnightly Review	Time
*Gas Engineer	*Town Crier
Gentleman's Magazine	*White & Pike's Railway Guide
Good Words	
*Great Western Railway Time Tables	

QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review	Modern Review
Edinburgh Review	Quarterly Review
Midland Antiquary	Westminster Review

ANNUAL.

Birmingham Post Office Directory	Transactions of the Royal Historical Society
*Financial Reform Almanack	Whitaker's Almanack
London (Kelly's) Directory	Wm. Salt Society's Publications
Stateman's Year Book	
*Transactions of the Archæo- logical Section, Birmingham	

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Opened February 4th, 1878.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LENDING LIBRARY,

MARCH 25TH, 1884.

Theology and Moral Philosophy	289
Biography, History, Topography, Voyages, and Travels	589
Law, Political Economy, Social Science, etc.	45
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	316
Abridgments of Patent Specifications	101
Poetry and the Drama	159
Fiction	1,953
Miscellaneous Literature	610
Magazines, Reviews, etc.	1,075
Juvenile Literature.. ..	487
Total of Lending Department	5,624

Total of Lending Department, March, 1883	5,582
Deduct No. of Vols. worn out and not replaced	42
„ „ lost and not replaced	4
„ „ transferred to Reference Department	20
	66
No. of Vols. added to Lending Department during the year	108
	5,624

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR.

Spurgeon's Treasury of David, vol. 6.

Dickens's Letters, 2 vols; Thayer's Life of Abraham Lincoln; Kinglake's Invasion of the Crimea, vol. 7.

Holmes's Practical Electric Lighting.

Jerrold's Comedies.

All Sorts and Conditions of Men, by Besant; The Revolt of Man, by Besant; The Black Robe, by Collins; Christowell, by Blackmore; The Beautiful Wretch *and* Shandon Bells, by Black; Mount Royal, by Braddon; The Capel Girls, by Garrett; For the King, In Honour Bound, *and* Robin Gray, by Gibbon; A Laodicean, and Two on a Tower, by Hardy; The Rebel of the Family, by Mrs. Lynn Linton; Castle Warlock, and Stephen Archer, by MacDonald; He that will not when he may, *and* In Trust, by Mrs. Oliphant; A Terrible Temptation, A Woman Hater, *and* The Wandering Heir, by Reade; The Senior Partner, by Mrs. Riddell; The Duke's Children, by Trollope; The Abbey Mill, *and* Warleigh's Tryst, by Worboise.

Life on the Mississippi, by Mark Twain; Simon Jasper, by M. G. Pearse; vols. of English Men of Letters, in continuation of set.

See also Donations.

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

From March 27th, 1883, to March 25th, 1884.

DATE.	Theology. etc.	Biography, History, etc.	Law, Politics, etc.	Arts and Sciences, Patents, etc.	Poetry and the Drama.	Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines.	Juvenile Books.	Current Periodicals.	Renewals.	Total.	Days open.	Daily Average.
1883.														
March 27 to 31	8	61	2	17	5	939	78	181	183	17	109	1600	5	320
April	41	254	11	69	53	3414	300	742	829	124	703	6540	25	261
May.. ..	46	235	3	69	55	3336	348	719	709	101	768	6389	26	245
June	36	210	5	66	48	2819	268	626	780	114	765	5687	25	227
July.. ..	31	192	5	63	24	2724	289	551	655	92	703	5399	26	207
August. . .	44	228	1	48	41	2843	257	615	687	92	662	5518	26	212
September .	31	236	1	79	35	2771	245	659	757	107	670	5591	25	223
October .. .	55	235	3	57	55	2927	322	687	1008	119	807	6276	27	232
November ..	45	285	4	59	57	2847	277	664	978	96	789	6100	26	234
December ..	37	212	2	48	57	2417	217	621	772	98	699	5180	23	225
1884.														
January .. .	29	163	3	44	34	2622	202	561	673	63	641	5035	27	186
February .. .	27	195	10	57	29	2254	220	314	1081	64	371	4622	25	184
March 1 to 25	27	180	6	91	38	2547	236	420	1162	69	584	5310	21	253
Totals .. .	457	2686	56	767	531	34460	3259	7390	10264	1156	8221	69247	307	225

BRANCH READING ROOM,

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(Opened October 6th. 1883.)

LIST OF PERIODICALS.

*Those marked thus * are presented.*

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2).	London Daily Telegraph.
Birmingham Daily Mail (2).	„ Standard.
Birmingham Daily Post (2).	„ Times (second day : from
London Daily News.	Central News Room).

WEEKLY.

*Aston Times (2).	Gardening.
*Birmingham & Aston Chronicle (2)	Graphic.
Birmingham Weekly Post.	Illustrated London News.
Cassell's Saturday Journal.	Literary World.
English Mechanic.	*Midland Counties' Herald.
Fun.	Punch.
Funny Folks.	

MONTHLY.

Argosy.	English Illustrated Magazine.
Band of Hope Review (2).	Good Words.
British Workman.	Leisure Hour.
Cassell's Magazine	Longman's Magazine.
Cornhill Magazine.	Sunday at Home.
Cottager and Artizan.	

DONATIONS.

ANONYMOUS—

Patent Laws of all Countries.
Life of William Penn, by Janney (2 copies).
Selections from the Writings of George Fox.

BEALE, Mrs. C. HUTTON (The Author)—

Memorials of the Old Meeting House, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM FREE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE (per J. D. Mullins, Esq.)—

Hill on the Repression of Crime.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND INSTITUTE (Archæological Section)—

Transactions, 1877, 1878, and 1879.

BLACKHAM, G., Esq.—

Gone Before. (pamphlet).

CANADA, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR—

Two large Maps of the Dominion of Canada.

CHURCH ASSOCIATION, The—

One Pamphlet.

COBDEN CLUB, The—

Financial Reform Almanack, 1884 (3 copies).
And several Pamphlets published by the Club.

DAVIS, C. T., Esq. (The Author)—

Monumental Brasses of Worcestershire.

DEAN, URBAN, Esq.—

North America, by Trollope (2 vols).

DENT, Mr. R. K.—

Town Crier, monthly, as published.

FELTON, B., Esq.—

Moonshine, weekly, as published.

FOWLER, W., Esq.—

Smith's Warwickshire, 4to, 1830.
 Britannia and Conway Tubular Bridges, folio, and 2 vols. 8vo.
 Annals of Europe, 1812-15, illustrated, folio.
 James's History of Presbyterian Chapels.
 Dryden's Fables (2 copies).
 Butler's Hudibras, 1750.
 Sale's Afghanistan.
 Marryat's Olla Podrida, 3 vols.
 Griffith's Free Schools of Birmingham.
 Raleigh's Works, 2 vols.
 Minifie's Mechanical Drawing.
 Maxwell's Wild Sports.
 Cecil's Naratives.
 Defoe's Captain Carleton (2 copies).
 Borrow's Gipsies of Spain.
 Autobiography of Cornelia Knight, 2 vols.
 Bonaparte Correspondence, 2 vols.
 Life of Oliver Cromwell.
 Bunyan's Holy War, old edition, illustrated.

GUTHRIE, MALCOLM, ESQ. (The Author)—

On Mr. Spencer's Unification of Knowledge.
 On Mr. Spencer's Formula of Evolution

HARVEY, J., Esq., M.D.—

Herschel's Lectures on Scientific Subjects.
 Epictetus his Morals, 1721.

INGLEBY, C. M., Esq., L.L.D. (The Author)—

Shakespeare's Bones: A Proposal to Disinter them.

LEWIS, J., Esq. (The Author)—

Nuggets and Gems.

LIBRARIES (FREE), Reports and Catalogues—

Birmingham (Report on Staff), Birmingham (Annual Report), Birmingham Old Library, Brighton, Cambridge, Doncaster, Dundee, Ealing, Glasgow (Mitchell), Glasgow (Stirling's), Handsworth, Leeds, Liverpool, Plymouth, Preston, Richmond, St. Helen's, Salford, Smethwick, Southport, Swansea, Tynemouth, Walsall, Wednesbury, Westminster, Wolverhampton, Worcester.

MARRIAGE LAW DEFENCE UNION, The—

Volume of Tracts.

MAY, H., Esq., L.R.C.P.—

Annual Report on the Health of Aston, 1883.
 Marion Fay, by Trollope.
 Catalogue of the Birmingham Old Library.

MEYNELL, Mrs.—

Home Words, 1883

PITMAN, ISAAC, Esq.—

Penny Cyclopædia, 27 vols.

Pope's Works, 6 vols., 1764.

Samuel Richardson's Correspondence, 6 vols. (with curious prints).

Knight's Pictorial Bible, 3 vols.

Phonetic Journal, 1873 to 1882 (except 1875).

Walsh's Ancient Coins and Gems.

Moody's Hants and Wiltshire

Rollin's Ancient History, 12 vols.

Beckmann's History of Inventions, 2 vols.

Smith's History of the Fathers, 1738.

And other works.

SMITH, D., Esq.—

The Orphan ; volume for 1883.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, The—

Annual Report of the Board of Regents, for 1881.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, The—

Journal of the Society, weekly, as published.

STOWE, E., Esq.—

Wiffen's House of Russell, 2 vols.

TREADAWAY, A., Esq.—

Aston Fire Brigade, Annual Report, 1883.

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY, The—

Dietetic Reformer, monthly, as published.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS FROM THEIR
RESPECTIVE PUBLISHERS—

Alliance News.

Athlete.

Birmingham and Aston Chronicle.

Birmingham Dart. (*Six months*)

Birmingham Owl.

Birmingham Graphic.

Derbyshire Times.

Everybody's Time Tables.

Hereford Times.

Inventor's Record.

Liberator.

Midland Counties' Herald.

Midland Echo.

Midland Railway Time Tables.

Oracle.

Orphan.

Press and St. James's Chronicle.

Society.

Warwick and Warwickshire Advertiser.

White and Pike's Railway Guide.

Worcester Journal (Berrow's).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year ending March 25th, 1884.

Dr.

1883.
March 25. To Balance carried to credit of General District Rate .. £74 8 8

Receipts.

1884.
March 25. To Rate at 1d. in the £ .. 527 15 6
" Fines .. 39 18 9
" Class Lists and Catalogues 4 13 5
" Damages .. 0 5 11
" Expenditure over Income .. 572 13 7
24 4 4

Payments.

1884.
March 25. By Books .. 47 19 11
" Periodicals and Newspapers 57 15 9
" Bookbinding .. 58 1 6
" Printing, Stationery, and ..
" Advertising .. 56 13 7
" Gas .. 30 13 1
" Petty Expenses and Insurance, &c. 7 12 1
" Cleaning, Fuel, Water, &c 75 0 0
" Salaries .. 163 3 0
" Bookcase .. 27 15 0
524 13 11
March 25. By Books .. 2 9 9
" Periodicals and Newspapers 5 18 7
" Printing, Stationery, and ..
" Advertising .. 1 2 9
" Reading Cases .. 2 1 4
" Gas, and Fixing Meter .. 4 8 4
" Rent and Firing .. 8 16 0
" Window and Reading Desk 13 0 0
" Furniture, Stove, and Stove Fittings 27 18 5
" Whitewashing, Painting and Paperhanging .. 5 8 9
" Petty Expenses .. 1 0 1
72 4 0

£596 17 11

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Manor of Aston Local Board.

THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
FREE LIBRARIES
COMMITTEE.

MARCH 26TH, 1884, TO MARCH 25TH, 1885.

ASTON :

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REPORT.

THE Free Libraries Committee have pleasure in presenting their
Seventh Annual Report of the work of the Library.

The steady growth of the Reference Library, and the continued and increasing use of it by readers, is a matter for congratulation, and the Committee feel that, while the limited income derived from the rate does not warrant a large expenditure on that department, they may, by the judicious outlay of a moderate proportion of their income every year, gradually enrich the Library by the addition of many works of permanent value, and thus, in time, place within the reach of the inhabitants a collection of works of Reference which, for practical value and permanent importance, will be equal to any library of the kind in the kingdom. At the same time the Committee would respectfully solicit the generous assistance of the inhabitants in making the Reference Library worthy of the district, by donations of books, or by increasing by their contributions the fund at the disposal of the Committee for this purpose.

The Lending Department has had the especial care of the Committee during the past year, both in the addition of many valuable works of immediate interest (a list of which is given on page 9), and by the replacement of about 250 soiled or worn-out volumes which had been in use since the opening of the Library in 1878. A new Catalogue of the Lending Department, and a new set of Class Lists, have been prepared, and are now on sale in the Library.

The Committee have pleasure in recording the continued success which has attended the second course of Free Lectures delivered under their auspices. Fourteen Lectures have been delivered during the past six months, in the Board Schools at Albert Road, Lozells Road, and Vicarage Road. The Committee feel that the establishment of this

department of the institution under their care would have been impossible but for the generous assistance of the Lecturers, who have freely given their services in the cause of intellectual enlightenment, and the Committee would here tender their hearty thanks to them, as well as to the Aston School Board, who have also rendered assistance in this undertaking by granting the use of the Schoolrooms at a nominal cost.

Particulars of the Course of Lectures, as well as the usual Statistical Tables, Lists of Donations and of recent additions to the Reference and Lending Departments, and other information respecting the work of the Library, will be found in the succeeding pages.

FREDERICK SMITH, M.A.,

Chairman.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

OPENED JANUARY 4th, 1882.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

March 25, 1885.

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	...	...	222
British Topography (including Local Books)	...	...	...	...	...	342
Maps, Prints, etc.	...	..	...	...	...	28
Directories	...	...	...	...	...	6
History, Geography and Travel, and Foreign Topography	...	...	...	...	...	552
Biography	...	...	...	...	...	177
Law, Politics, Statistical Works, etc.	..	..	...	...	...	87
Arts and Sciences	...	...	...	...	...	605
Natural History, Physical Science, etc.	..	...	...	...	...	345
Dictionaries and Encyclopædias	...	...	...	...	...	97
Poetry and the Drama	...	...	...	...	...	225
General Literature—including complete sets of various Authors, Libraries, Classics, etc.	...	..	...	...	...	740
Periodicals	...	...	...	...	...	250
						3,676

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Date.	Theology.	Geography, etc.	History.	Biography.	Topography.	Law, etc.	Art and Science.	Natural History.	General Literature.	Poetry.	Dictionaries and Encyclopædias.	Periodicals.	Books in Case.	No. of Vols.
1884.														
March 26 to 31	17	5	22	4	2	—	35	9	14	9	2	38	35	192
April	31	34	27	19	24	14	150	70	114	66	22	179	124	874
May	66	38	51	9	40	4	96	60	125	89	27	121	138	864
June	54	33	27	13	40	9	101	61	89	48	16	103	147	741
July	77	60	29	25	38	8	134	76	159	46	32	128	165	977
August	66	50	19	14	27	7	174	39	136	56	14	134	163	899
September	52	37	50	4	10	3	144	50	141	67	17	146	164	885
October	32	75	63	23	36	4	190	42	228	128	22	177	207	1227
November.....	25	26	68	15	18	12	177	42	209	58	32	116	184	982
December	48	66	70	42	43	5	225	27	175	80	36	112	204	1133
1885.														
January	63	88	105	37	27	13	253	53	183	61	51	157	233	1324
February	93	65	116	12	48	10	185	58	140	65	68	201	228	1289
To March 25	107	56	115	14	39	3	178	29	96	50	12	141	153	993
	731	633	762	231	392	92	2042	616	1809	823	351	1753	2145	12380

Number of days open—304.

Daily average—40.

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY DURING THE YEAR.

Loftie's History of London, 2 vols. ; London's Roll of Fame ; Grant's Old and New Edinburgh, 3 vols. ; Walford's Greater London, 2 vols. ; Picturesque America, 4 vols. ; Noake's Guide to Worcestershire, *and* Worcester in the Olden Time ; Niven's Old Staffordshire Houses, *and* Old Worcestershire Houses ; Grant's British Battles, 4 vols. ; Burton's History of Scotland, 8 vols. ; Bryant and Gay's History of America, 4 vols. ; The Marquis of Lorne's Canadian Pictures.

Heaton's Life of Albrecht Dürer ; Thornbury's Life of J. M. W. Turner ; Dobson's Life of Thomas Bewick ; Froude's Carlyle's Life in London, 2 vols. ; Pepys's Dairy, 4 vols.

Lievre's Collections d'Œuvres d'Art ; Ruskin's Lectures on Modern Art ; Taylor's Animal Painting ; Lewis's China Painting ; Linton's Manual of Wood Engraving ; Buxton's English and American Painters ; Hopkins and Rimbault on the Organ ; Eder's Dry Plate Photography ; Transactions of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 38 vols. ; Greener on the Gun ; Sprague's Electricity ; Spon's Mechanic's Own Book ; Wallace's Geographical Distribution of Animals, 2 vols. ; Tyndall on Light, *and* on Sound ; Somerville's Connexion of the Physical Sciences ; Guillemin's Forces of Nature, *and* Applications of Physical Forces ; Richardson's Diseases of Modern Life.

Ellicott's Old and New Testament Commentary for English Readers, 8 vols. ; The Chief Works of Spinoza, 2 vols. ; Guthrie on Herbert Spencer's Data of Ethics ; Pusey's Commentary on the Minor Prophets ; Angus's Bible Handbook (large edition) ; Backhouse and Tylor's Early Church History.

Scott's Waverley Novels (Library edition), 25 vols. ; Dickens's Complete Works, 22 vols. ; Sir Thomas Browne's Works, folio 1686 ; Mrs. Oliphant's Literary History of England, 3 vols. ; Walter Savage Landor's Works, (Library edition), 8 vols. ; Goldsmith's Works, edited by Cunningham, 4 vols ; Popular Educator, 6 vols. ; Arnold's Irish Essays ; Burton's Book-Hunter ; Pierce's Dickens Dictionary ; Edwards's Words, Facts, and Phrases ; Sedgwick's Reprints of Hymnology, 6 vols. ; Tennyson's Becket, The Cup, *and* The Falcon ; Bohn's Dictionary of Poetical Quotations ; Census Returns, 1881, 4 vols..

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

The Reference Department is open from TEN o'clock in the morning until TEN o'clock in the evening, uninterruptedly.

Books may be used in this Department by any person over fourteen years of age, on filling up the usual form.

To prevent the possibility of damage to the costly illustrated books in this Department, no ink is allowed to be used in making extracts from books, neither can any *tracing* be made of any map, diagram, or other illustration.

No book, map, manuscript, or other document in the Reference Library can be taken out of the room set apart for the use of readers in this Department.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

To be found on the tables in the News Room and Reference Library.

Those marked thus * are presented.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2)	London Daily Telegraph
Birmingham Daily Mail (2)	London Standard
Birmingham Daily Post (2)	London Times
London Daily News	

WEEKLY.

*Alliance News	Local Government Chronicle
Athenæum	*Midland Counties Herald
*Birmingham & Aston Chronicle	*Moonshine
*Birmingham Owl	Musical World
Building News	Nature
*Contract Journal	New York Herald
*Derbyshire Times	Notes and Queries
Dublin Freeman's Journal	Phonetic Journal
Engineer	Pictorial World
English Mechanic	Punch
Fun	*Sanitary World
Garden	Saturday Review
Gardening	School Board Chronicle
Graphic	Scotsman
Harper's Weekly	Spectator
*Hereford Times	*Warwick and Warwickshire
Illustrated London News	Advertiser
*Journal of the Society of Arts	*Worcester Journal (Berrow's)
Land and Water	World
Literary World	

FORTNIGHTLY.

Melbourne Argus

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round	Harper's Monthly Magazine
Argosy	*Inventor
Art Journal	Leisure Hour
Atlantic Monthly	*Liberator
Pelgravia	London Society
Blackwood's Magazine	Longman's Magazine
Cassell's Magazine	Macmillan's Magazine
Century Magazine (Scribner's)	Magazine of Art
Chambers's Journal	*Midland Railway Time Tables
Contemporary Review	Nineteenth Century
Cornhill Magazine	*Orphan
*Dietetic Reformer	Quiver
English Illustrated Magazine	Sunday at Home
*Everybody's Time Table	Sunday Magazine
Fortnightly Review	Temple Bar
*Gas Engineer	Time
Gentleman's Magazine	*Town Crier
Good Words	*White & Pike's Railway Guide
*Great Western Railway Time Tables	

QUARTERLY.

British Quarterly Review	Quarterly Review
Edinburgh Review	Westminster Review
Midland Antiquary	

ANNUAL.

*Financial Reform Almanack	Transactions of the Royal Historical Society
Statesmen's Year Book	Whitaker's Almanack
*Transactions of the Archæo- logical Section, Birmingham and Midland Institute	Wm. Salt Society's Publications

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Opened February 4th, 1878.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LENDING LIBRARY,

MARCH 25TH, 1885.

Theology and Moral Philosophy ..	...	...	...	297
Biography, History, Topography, Voyages and Travels ...	...	...	...	629
Law, Political Economy, Social Science, etc. ...	...	...	...	44
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History ...	...	...	...	328
Abridgements of Patent Specifications...	...	...	...	101
Poetry and the Drama ...	...	...	...	169
Fiction ...	...	...	...	2,060
Miscellaneous Literature ...	...	...	...	632
Magazines, Reviews, etc. ...	...	...	...	1,123
Juvenile Literature ...	...	...	...	507
Total	...	...	...	5,890

Total of Lending Department, March, 1884 ...	...	...	...	5,624
Deduct No. of Vols. worn out and not replaced	...	...	...	4
,, ,, lost and not replaced	...	...	...	5
,, ,, transferred to Reference Department	...	...	...	1
				10
No. of Vols. added to Lending Department during the year	...	...	...	276
				5,890
Number of Borrowers using the Library, March 25th, 1885,—3,124.				

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR.

The Quest of the Chief Good, by Cox; Adam, Noah, and Abraham, *and* These Sayings of Mine, by Parker; Early Days of Christianity, by Farrar; Natural Law in the Spiritual World, by Drummond; Lessons in the Proverbs, *and* New Testament Synonyms, by Trench; Reflections in Palestine, by Gordon.

Memoirs of the Princess Alice; Charlotte Bronte, by Reid; Arthur Hugh Clough, by Waddington; Dante, by Church; Memoirs of George Eliot, by Cross, 3 vols.; Charles Dickens as I knew him, by Dolby; Yates's Recollections and Experiences, 2 vols; Study of Spinoza, by Martineau; Life of Lord Wolseley, by Low; Life of Gordon, by Forbes; Henry Irving, by Daly; Men Worth Remembering, 5 vols.

By-Paths of Bible Knowledge (Handbooks of Eastern Antiquities and Topography), 5 vols; England, by Escott; The City of Rome, by Dyer; In the Trades, the Tropics, and the Roaring Forties, by Lady Brassey; England under Gladstone, by MacCarthy; More Leaves from the Journal of a Life in the Highlands; Through Siberia, by Lansdell.

Our Common British Fossils, by Taylor; Text Book of Music, by Hunt; History of Music, by Bannister; A Book about Roses, by Hole; Handbooks on Health, by Granville, 5 vols; Physiography, by Huxley; Life and Her Children, *and* Winners in Life's Race, by Buckley; Dry Plate Photography, by Burton.

Legend of Jubal, by George Eliot; Rossetti's Poems; Chastelard, by Swinburne; The Cup and the Falcon, *and* Becket, by Tennyson.

Recent Novels by Mrs. Alexander, F. Anstey, W. Besant, W. Black, R. D. Blackmore, Wilkie Collins, Hugh Conway, E. M. Crawford, Miss Fothergill, H. W. Lucy, Geo. MacDonald, D. Christie Murray, L. Oliphant, Mrs. Oliphant, J. Payn, Mrs. J. H. Riddell, J. H. Shorthouse, R. L. Stevenson, Mark Twain, Miss Yonge, and others.

Scenes in the Commons, by Anderson; Nights at the Play, by Cook; English Dramatists of To-day, by Archer; Scottish Characteristics, by Paxton Hood; American Humorists, by Haweis; John Bull and His Island, by O'Rell; Some Literary Recollections, by Payn; On a Mexican Mustang, by Sweet and Knox; The Occult World, by Sinnett.

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

From March 26th, 1884, to March 25th, 1885.

DATE.	Theology, etc.	Biography, History, etc.	Law, Politics, etc.	Arts and Sciences, Patents, etc.	Poetry and the Drama.	Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines.	Juvenile Books.	Current Periodicals.	Renewals.	Total.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
1884.														
March 26 to 31	7	40	—	14	9	624	50	122	283	8	132	1289	5	258
April ...	27	174	8	75	27	3151	266	548	1183	93	606	6158	23	267
May ...	34	218	5	122	37	3368	253	564	1067	73	781	6522	27	241
June ...	31	151	—	85	34	3002	201	460	838	68	667	5537	24	231
July ...	30	188	6	89	29	3150	228	412	952	67	734	5885	27	218
August ...	34	150	1	73	33	3169	196	439	903	43	716	5751	25	230
September ...	30	195	3	79	35	3515	218	554	866	63	796	6274	26	241
October ...	26	251	5	72	46	3663	221	562	1150	101	800	6893	27	255
November ...	24	256	8	87	52	3672	267	609	1104	84	889	6963	25	278
December ...	25	225	10	106	52	3282	259	557	1103	65	889	6573	24	273
1885.														
January ...	34	212	9	126	68	3764	300	628	1077	89	831	7138	27	264
February ...	34	202	2	101	44	3495	193	587	1038	73	742	6511	24	271
March 1 to 25	28	157	6	77	41	2980	103	460	1020	73	750	5725	21	272
	364	2449	63	1106	507	40835	2755	6502	12584	900	9154	77219	305	253

BRANCH READING ROOM,

137, LICHFIELD ROAD,

(Opened October 6th, 1883.)

LIST OF PERIODICALS.

*Those marked thus * are presented.*

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2).	London Daily Telegraph.
Birmingham Daily Mail (2).	„ Standard.
Birmingham Daily Post (2).	„ Times (second day : from
London Daily News.	Central News Room).

WEEKLY.

*Birmingham & Aston Chronicle.	Gardening.
Birmingham Weekly Post.	Graphic.
Cassell's Saturday Journal.	Illustrated London News.
English Mechanic.	Literary World.
Fun.	*Midland Counties' Herald.
Funny Folks.	Punch.

MONTHLY.

Argosy.	Good Words.
Band of Hope Review (2).	Leisure Hour.
British Workman.	London Society (second month).
Cassell's Magazine.	Longman's Magazine.
Contemporary Review (second month).	Macmillan's Magazine (second month).
Cornhill Magazine.	Nineteenth Century (second month).
Cottager and Artizan.	Sunday at Home.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Temple Bar (second month).
Fortnightly Review (second month).	

FREE LECTURES,

DELIVERED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FREE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, IN THE BOARD SCHOOLS, ALBERT ROAD, LOZELLS ROAD, AND VICARAGE ROAD.

DATE.	LECTURER.	SUBJECT.	PLACE.
Oct. 14, 1884.	Mr. J. Levick.	Microscopic Pond Life. With Line-Light Illustrations.	Albert Road.
Oct. 28,	Mr. W. J. Dent.	Literary and Dramatic Recital.	" "
Nov. 4,	The Rev. J. H. Haslam, M.A.	The Stars. With Line-Light Illustrations.	Vicarage Road.
Nov. 18,	Mr. J. H. Stone, J.P.	Free Libraries.	Lozells Road.
Dec. 2,	Mr. J. Roddis.	Art Tales and Legends.	Vicarage Road.
Dec. 16,	Councillor W. J. Lancaster, F.R.A.S.	Egypt, as it was and as it is. With Line-Light Illustrations.	Albert Road.
Dec. 30,	Mr. Stephen S. Stratton.	The Predecessors of the Pianoforte. With Musical Illustrations.	" "
Jan. 6, 1885.	The Rev. W. Tuckwell, M.A.	Sermons in Stones. With Illustrative Specimens.	" "
Jan. 20,	Mr. J. D. Mullins.	Novels.	Vicarage Road.
Feb. 3,	Mr. J. Hill.	A Picture of Birmingham in the Olden Time. Illustrated.	Albert Road.
Feb. 17,	The Rev. F. Smith, M. A.	Lord Bacon.	Vicarage Road.
Mar. 3,	The Rev. G. Samuel.	An Evening with Burns.	Lozells Road.
Mar. 17,	The Rev. S. Fletcher Williams.	Longfellow's Life and Poetry.	Albert Road.
Mar. 31,	The Rev. A. R. Vardy, M.A.	Rome, its Buildings and Associations. With Photographic Illustrations.	" "

DONATIONS.

ACLAND, Sir T. D.—

Two Pamphlets, (2 copies each).

ANONYMOUS—

Reasons for dissenting from the Philosophy of Comte, by H. Spencer.
(Pamphlet.)

ARCHÆOLOGICAL SECTION (Birmingham and Midland Institute)—

Transactions, for 1880—81.

ASTON, T. H., Esq.—

Hooper's Revelation Expounded, 2 vols., and four other vols.

BIRMINGHAM FREE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE—

Catalogue of Reference Library, 1879.

Catalogue of (New) Reference Library, 1880.

Catalogue of Reference Library, part 1, 1884.

Catalogue of Skakespeare Memorial Library. Large paper Copy.

BRITISH MUSEUM, The Trustees of—

Catalogue of Birds, vols. 7, 8, and 9.

Catalogue of Fossil Sponges, 4to.

Catalogue of Satirical Prints, vol. 4.

Catalogue of Early Flemish and German Prints, vol. 2.

Catalogue of Greek Coins.

Catalogue of Early Printed Books, 3 vols.

CANADA, The High Commissioner for—

Canada in 1884. (Official Guide) 2 copies.

COBDEN CLUB, The—

Several Pamphlets.

COOKE, Mr. J.—

Picture Frame, for current plate issued with Graphic. (To Branch Newsroom.)

DAVIES, Mr. W. A.—

Contract Journal, weekly, as published.

DENT, Mr. R. K.—

Town Crier, monthly, as published.

FELTON, Mr. B.—

Moonshine, weekly, as published.

GORDELIER, C., Esq.—

Sedgwick's Reprints of Hymnology, 6 vols.

GUTHRIE, MALCOLM, Esq. (The Author)—

On Spencer's Data of Ethics.

HARVEY, J., Esq., M.D.—

Sir Thomas Browne's Works, folio, 1686.

HEALTH EXHIBITION, The Hon. Secretary of the—

Catalogue of Books on Health, etc.

LIBERTY AND PROPERTY DEFENCE LEAGUE, 'The—

Seven Pamphlets.

LIBRARIES (FREE), Reports and Catalogues from—

Bradford, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Dumbarton, Dundee, Ealing, Glasgow (Mitchell), Glasgow, (Stirling's), Handsworth, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Norwich, Preston, St. Helen's, Salford, Smethwick, Southport, (Atkinson), Swansea.

LONDON, Corporation of the City of—

London's Roll of Fame, 4to, 1884.

LLOYD, Alderman G. B.—

Transactions of the Institute of Civil Engineers, from 1875 to 1885, 38 vols.

LOWE, C., Esq.—

Views of Warwickshire.

MATTHEWS, A. BACHE, Esq.—

Views of Buildings destroyed in the Birmingham Riots, 1791. (Reprint.)

MAY, H., Esq., L.R.C.P.—

Novel by Mrs. Oliphant, 3 vols.

Annual Report on the Health of Aston, 1884.

MEIKLEJOHN, J. M. D., Esq.—

Memoir of Professor Hodgson.

SCIENCE AND ART DEPARTMENT, South Kensington—

History and Directory of the Science and Art Department.

SHOWELL AND CO., MESSRS.—

Showell's Dictionary of Birmingham (in parts, as issued).

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, The—

Annual Report of the Board of Regents, for 1882.

SOCIETY OF ARTS, The—

Journal of the Society, weekly, as published.

TILL, W. S., Esq. (Borough Surveyor, Birmingham.)—

Additional Facsimiles of Ancient Maps of Birmingham.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM—

Calendar of the University, for 1885.

VEGETARIAN SOCIETY, The—

Dietetic Reformer, monthly, as published.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS FROM THE RESPECTIVE PUBLISHERS :—

Alliance News.

Birmingham and Aston Chronicle.

Birmingham Owl.

Derbyshire Times.

Gloucester Journal.

Hereford Times.

Everybody's Time Tables.

Inventor.

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Midland Counties' Herald.

Orphan.

Sanitary World.

Warwick and Warwickshire Advertiser.

White and Pike's Railway Guide.

Worcester Journal (Berrow's).

NUMBER OF VOLUMES

ISSUED FROM THE

LENDING AND REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS,

Since the Opening of the Library.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Feb. 4th, 1878, to March 25th, 1879	...	...	75,036
March 26th, 1879, to March 25th, 1880	...	...	70,914
" " 1880 " " 1881	...	...	67,583
" " 1881 " " 1882	...	...	66,092
" " 1882 " " 1883	...	...	75,395
" " 1883 " " 1884	...	...	69,247
" " 1884 " " 1885	...	...	77,219
			<hr/>
			501,486

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Jan. 4th to March 25th, 1882	...	...	2,109
March 26th, 1882, to March 25th, 1883	...	...	8,096
" 1883 " " 1884	...	...	11,041
" 1884 " " 1885	...	...	12,380
			<hr/>
			33,626

Grand Total of Issues in both Departments since the
 Opening of the Library ... 535,112

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ending 25th March, 1885.

Dr.		Receipts.		Payments.		Cr.
1885.				1885.		
March 25.	To Rate at 1d. in the £	541	13 9	By Books ...	...	135 8 9
"	" Fines ...	31	15 8	" Periodicals and Newspapers	...	50 4 0
"	" Class Lists and Tickets	6	0 2	" Bookbinding ...	...	23 18 6
"	" Damages ...	0	5 6	" Printing, Stationery, and	CENTRAL	13 11 10
"	" Waste Paper ...	1	10 0	" Advertising ...	...	32 9 4
		39	11 4	" Gas	4 10 1
				" Petty Expenses and In-	surance ...	75 0 0
				" Cleaning, Fuel, Water, &c.	...	165 14 0
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				" Expenses of Lectures	...	509 6 0
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"	" Gas and Firing ...	15	10 3	" Rent, Rates, and Insurance	...	20 6 6
"	" Rent, Rates, and Insurance	1	5 2	" Incidentals	2 0 0
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				" Receipts in excess of Pay-		15 18 10
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				District Rate ...		



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MARCH 26TH, 1885, TO MARCH 25TH, 1886

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REPORT.

THE Free Libraries Committee have pleasure in presenting their Eighth Annual Report of the work of the Library.

The Reference Department is still growing in value and usefulness, as is shown by the List of Additions and the Table of Issues for the year.

In the Lending Department not only have many books of standard importance been added during the year, and a considerable number of worn-out volumes (principally fiction and juvenile literature) been replaced, but the privileges of borrowers have been extended by the establishment of a Musical Section, comprising the principal Oratorios, Operas, Cantatas, and Chamber Music. Although at present only a small number of volumes have been provided in this section, they have been largely used and highly appreciated by the borrowers, and the Committee hope, by continual additions, to render this department fully equal to the requirements of the readers.

The News Rooms have been largely used during the year, and a considerable improvement has been effected in the Central News Room and the Reference Reading Room by the adoption of the Wenham Lamp, which gives a better light for reading purposes, while the products of combustion are carried off, the ventilation is improved, and a saving is effected in the quantity of gas consumed.

The Free Lecture course has increased in popularity, and the fourteen Lectures which have been delivered during the past six months have been attended by large and appreciative audiences. An Optical Lantern and Lime-light Apparatus have been purchased by subscription and presented to the Free Libraries Committee, for use in illustration of the Lectures.

Lists of books added to the Lending and Reference Departments, Lectures, Donations, Tables and Examples of Issues, and other information, are appended to the Report.

FREDERICK SMITH, M.A.,

Chairman.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

OPENED JANUARY 4th, 1882.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

March 25, 1885.

Theology and Philosophy	...	...	...	...	...	245
British Topography (including Local Books)	...	...	...	...	...	354
Maps, Prints, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	32
Directories	...	...	...	...	...	6
History, Geography and Travel, and Foreign Topography	...	...	...	...	...	603
Biography	...	...	...	...	...	180
Law, Politics, Statistical Works, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	93
Arts and Sciences	...	...	...	...	...	619
Natural History, Physical Science, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	362
Dictionaries and Encyclopædias	...	...	...	...	...	101
Poetry and the Drama	...	...	...	...	...	230
General Literature—including complete sets of various Authors, Libraries, Classics, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	755
Periodicals	...	...	...	...	...	280

3,860

No. of Vols., March 25, 1885, 3,676 ; No. of Vols. added during the year, 184.

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Date.	Theology.	Geography, etc.	History.	Biography.	Topography.	Law, etc.	Art and Science.	Natural History.	General Literature.	Poetry.	Dictionaries and Encyclopædias.	Periodicals.	Consulting Books.	No. of Volumes.
1885.														
March 26 to 31	9	14	14	4	13	0	43	8	31	13	6	27	27	209
April	65	69	149	27	54	1	183	57	201	63	58	137	160	1224
May	105	39	62	17	56	2	147	60	188	74	66	175	108	1099
June	68	53	36	15	36	1	79	49	169	48	40	211	121	926
July	80	47	33	22	45	7	72	29	137	44	17	102	95	730
August	89	81	70	15	58	5	164	86	211	60	49	177	130	1195
September ...	88	109	103	15	41	6	156	78	225	72	42	252	153	1340
October	74	126	107	37	47	14	142	75	293	105	47	178	181	1426
November .. .	54	96	103	28	47	21	127	69	242	57	52	153	148	1197
December ...	54	88	77	25	23	8	115	113	225	65	40	141	87	1061
1886.														
January	82	150	127	24	40	9	201	81	247	76	70	190	122	1419
February	81	185	160	14	45	13	235	105	289	82	17	206	120	1552
March	81	122	105	21	36	11	148	71	257	51	19	210	89	1221
	930	1179	1146	264	541	98	1812	881	2715	810	523	2159	1541	14599

Number of days open—294. Daily average—49.5.

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR.

Bunce's History of the Corporation of Birmingham, vol. 2 ; Midland Antiquary, 3 vols. ; Our Own Country (Cassell), 6 vols. ; The Coronation Stone, by Skene; Stubbs's Constitutional History of England, 3 vols. ; Mortley's Dutch Republic, 3 vols. ; Longman's History of Edward III., 2 vols. ; Hawkins's Medallie Illustrations of British History, 2 vols. ; Saunders's Survey of Western Palestine ; Stanley's Congo, 2 vols. ; Pugh's Queensland Almanack ; Year Book of New Zealand ; Annual Reports from the Dominion of Canada ; Lovatt's Norwegian Pictures ; Cook's Voyages, 7 vols. ; Du Chaillu's Ashango Land ; Parkyns' Life in Abyssinia, 2 vols. ; Grey's Australia, 2 vols. ; The Sea : its Stirring Story, etc. (Cassell), 3 vols. ; Forbes's Iceland ; Keller's Lake Dwellings, 2 vols.

Forster's Life of Goldsmith, 2 vols. ; Men of the Realm ; Roscoe's Life of Leo X., 2 vols. ; Public Letters of John Bright.

Engel's Description of Musical Instruments in South Kensington Museum ; British Museum Catalogues : Indian Coins, 2 vols. ; Fossil Fishes ; Fossil Mammalia, part 2 ; Paleozoic Plants ; Birds, vol. 10 ; Lizards, 2 vols. ; Hamerton's Sylvan Year, *and* Chapters on Animals ; Nasmyth and Carpenter on the Moon ; Green's Physical Geology ; The Beginning of Life, by Bastian, 2 vols.

The Revised Bible (Old Testament), 4 vols. ; The Speaker's Commentary, 11 vols. ; Hunter Smith's Greek Testament Lessons ; Geikie's Life and Words of Christ, 2 vols. ; Goulburn's Cathedral System ; Thomson's Land and the Book, vol. 3.

Lower's Patronymica Britannica ; Davies's Supplemental Glossary ; Smith's Synonyms Discriminated ; Thompson's Eldmuir ; Cleveland's Milton Concordance ; Keats's Poetical Works ; Tennyson's Tiresias ; Sheridan's Dramatic Works, 2 vols. ; Arnold's Light of Asia, *Illustrated Edition*.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Opened February 4th, 1878.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LENDING LIBRARY,

March 25th, 1885

Theology and Moral Philosophy	...	...	...	...	304
Biography, History, Topography, Voyages and Travels	...	...	...	...	694
Law, Political Economy, Social Science, etc.	...	...	...	...	47
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	...	...	...	...	333
Abridgments of Patent Specifications	...	...	...	...	101
Poetry and the Drama	...	...	...	...	185
Fiction	...	...	...	...	2,157
Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	...	...	691
Magazines, Reviews, etc.	...	...	...	...	1,170
Music	...	...	...	...	109
Juvenile Literature	...	...	...	...	548
Duplicate Volumes of Magazines in News Room	...	...	...	...	60

Total ... 6,399

Total of Lending Department, March, 1884 ... 5,890

Deduct No. of Vols. worn out and not replaced ... 4

No. of Vols. added to Lending Department during the year ... 513

Total ... 6,399

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING DEPARTMENT

During the Year.

Philosophy and Religion, by Hinton; The Ministry in Galilee, *and* The Passion Week, by Hanna; Ecce Deus, by Parker; The Treasury of David, by Spurgeon, vol 7.

Experiences of a Barrister's Life, by Sergt. Ballantyne; Biographical Lectures, by Dawson; Life of Frank Buckland, by Bompas; Cromwell, by Paxton Hood; Life of Henry Fawcett, by Leslie Stephen; Memoir of Emerson, by Holmes; Last Journals of General Gordon; My Musical Life, by Haweis; Lives of Robert and Mary Moffat; Life of F. D. Maurice, by his son, 2 vols.

From Korti to Khartoum, by Sir C. Wilson; China, by Gray, 2 vols; Telegraph and Travel, by Goldsmid; Twelve Months in Madagascar, by Mullens; The Siberian Overland Route, by Michie; Reminiscences of Travel, by Tangye.

Lombard Street, by Bagehot; International Policy; The New Reform Act, with Notes; The British Citizen, by Thorold Rogers.

The Fern World, by Heath; Food and Feeding, by Sir H. Thompson; Physical Expression, by Warner; Popular Scientific Recreations, by Tissandier.

The Light of Asia, *and* the Song Celestial, by Arnold; Ballads, by R. Buchanan; Legends and Lyrics, by Procter; Poems and Ballads (2nd series), Songs before Sunrise, Studies in Song, *and* Tristram of Lyonesse, by Swinburne; Tiresias and other Poems, by Tennyson; Little Comedies, by Surgis.

Recent Novels, by Grant Allen, F. Austey, W. Black, M. E. Braddon, H. Caine, M. Cobban, Hugh Conway, F. M. Crawford, C. Gibbon, H. Rider Haggard, J. Hutton, O. W. Holmes, R. M. Jephson, D. C. Murray, J. Payn, Mrs. Oliphant, W. C. Russell, R. L. Stevenson, F. R. Stockton, L. B. Walford, J. S. Winter, E. J. Worboise, and others.

Souvenirs of Some Continents, by Forbes; Platform Echoes, by Gough; The Royal Mail, by Hyde; Obiter Dicta; Past and Present, by H. G. Reid; Canal Adventures by Moonlight, by Smith; In My Indian Garden, by Robinson; Some London Theatres, Past and Present, by Williams.

The World's Workers; Lives of Eminent Men and Women, for Juvenile Readers, 13 vols; *and* Recent Juvenile Books, by G. A. Henty, A. R. Hope, W. H. G. Kingston, J. Macaulay, J. Payn, A. St. Johnstone, and others.

Principal Works in the Musical Section.

Anderton's Yule Tide; Auber's Operas (2); Bach's Preludes and Fugues (2 vols), Christmas Oratorio, and Passion Music (2 vols); Beethoven's Principal Works (6 vols); Bellini's Operas (2); Berlioz's Faust; Bridge's Rock of Ages; Cherubini's Masses (3); Chopin's Nocturnes; Dvorak's Spectre's Bride; Donizetti's Operas (3); Gade's Cantatas (3); Gounod's Redemption, Mors et Vita, and Messe Solonnelle; Handel's Principal Works (8 vols); Haydn's Principal Works (5 vols); Mendelssohn's Principal Works (6 vols); Mozart's Operas (4) and Masses (3); Rossini's Operas (3), *and* Stabat Mater; Schubert's Masses (3); Spohr's Works (3); Stanford's Three Holy Children; Sullivan's Operas (8), Martyr of Antioch, *and* Te Deum; Verdi's Operas (4); Wagner's Operas (3); Weber's Operas (4) and Masses (2).

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

From March 26th, 1885, to March 25th, 1886.

DATE.	Theology, etc.	Biography, History, etc.	Law, Politics, etc.	Arts and Sciences, Patents, &c.	Poetry and the Drama.	Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines.	Juvenile Books.	Current Periodicals.	Renewals.	Music.	Total.	Days Open.	Daily Average.
1885.															
March 26 to 31	4	58	1	20	8	747	24	128	247	18	198	—	1453	5	290
April ...	34	279	5	72	52	3437	165	574	1192	83	678	—	6371	23	285
May ...	34	310	4	93	49	3775	115	598	1230	92	858	—	7158	25	286
June ...	19	238	6	51	40	3596	116	574	1132	110	793	—	6675	26	256
*July ...	15	132	3	47	29	1988	73	347	583	78	493	—	3788	*16	236
August ...	29	194	7	90	34	3397	100	553	904	102	536	—	5946	24	247
September ...	24	214	5	98	41	3642	153	593	966	109	739	—	6384	26	233
October ...	23	248	8	94	42	4020	153	727	1022	107	812	—	7256	27	268
November ...	33	246	7	99	54	3730	169	656	1014	72	771	—	6851	25	274
December ...	23	199	2	69	44	3260	178	515	787	67	779	—	5923	24	246
1886.															
January ...	17	189	0	66	43	3355	161	517	712	77	719	99	5955	26	229
*February ...	23	148	7	62	30	2103	74	262	680	59	295	91	3834	24	159
March 1 to 25	22	206	16	59	43	3041	98	352	874	69	493	101	5374	22	255
	300	2661	71	920	509	40091	1579	6396	11343	1043	8164	291	73368	293	250

*Closed for Cleaning, &c., from July 20th to August 3rd (inclusive).

+The issues received a sudden check on the 1st of February by the withdrawal of the old series of tickets, consequent on the biennial renewal of vouchers.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES

ISSUED FROM THE

LENDING AND REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS,

Since the Opening of the Library.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Feb. 4th, 1878, to March 25th, 1879	...	...	75,036
March 26th, 1879, to March 25th, 1880	...	...	70,914
" " 1880 " " 1881	...	...	67,583
" " 1881 " " 1882	66,092
" " 1882 " " 1883	75,395
" " 1883 " " 1884	69,247
" " 1884 " " 1885	77,219
" " 1885 " " 1886	73,368
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			574,854

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

Jan. 4th to March 25th, 1882	2,109
March 26th, 1882, to March 25th, 1883	8,096
" 1883 " " 1884	11,041
" 1884 " " 1885	12,380
" 1885 " " 1886	14,599
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			48,225

Grand Total of Issues in both Departments since the Opening of the Library	623,079
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A FEW EXAMPLES OF ISSUES.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

					<i>Twelve months' Issues.</i>
Clarke's Bible Commentary (specimen issue of 1 vol. only)	...				61
Ellicott's Bible Commentary	"	"	"	"	28
Henry's Bible Commentary	"	"	"	"	53
Cassell's History of England	"	"	"	"	70
Green's History of England	"	"	"	"	21
M'Carthy's History of our Own Times	"	"	"	"	20
Grant's British Battles	"	"	"	"	77
The Marquis of Lorne's Canadian Pictures ...	...				34
Picturesque Europe (specimen issue, 1 vol. only)	...				38
Old and New Birmingham	...				43
Old and New London (specimen vol.)	...				22
Illustrated Travels	"	"			63
Johnston's Royal Atlas ...	...				35
Bacon's British Atlas ...	...				61
The Sea and its Wonders (Cassell) (specimen vol.)	...				53
Wood's Natural History	"	"			37
Wood's Natural History of Man	"	"			23
Carpenter's Human Physiology ...	...				74
Barnard's Landscape Painting ...	...				30
Marshall's Anatomy for Artists	...				23
Hogarth's Works	...				67
Canova's Works	...				36
Spon's Mechanic's Own Book	...				20
Cooley's Cyclopædia of Receipts ...	...				33
Cassell's Popular Educator (specimen vol.)	...				59
Shakspeare's Comedies (Knight)	...				32
" Tragedies	"				55
Cervante's Don Quixote ...	...				114
Dickens's Pickwick Papers	...				101
Cæsar (Bohn's Translation)	...				87
Livy	"	"			38
Fawcett's Political Economy	...				11

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Farrar's Life of Christ	...				11
Ecce Homo	...				10
The Queen's Journal (More Leaves)	...				22
Memoirs of the Princess Alice	...				22
George Eliot's Memoirs (3 vols.)	...				59
Forbes's Memoir of General Gordon	...				34
Yates's Recollections	...				21
Bompas's Life of Frank Buckland (6 months)	...				15
In the Trades, the Tropics, etc., by Lady Brassey	...				27

LENDING DEPARTMENT—continued.

				<i>Twelve months Issue.</i>
Lansdell's Through Siberia	...	...	...	21
How I found Livingstone, by Stanley	...	...	...	22
Livingstone's Travels in South Africa	...	...	...	19
Butler's Great Lone Land	...	...	...	19
Mill's Political Economy...	...	...	...	10
Fawcett's Political Economy	..	...	...	16
Bright's Speeches	...	...	...	12
Wood's Natural History	...	...	...	26
Huxley's Elementary Physiology	...	...	...	13
Beeton's All About Gardening	...	...	...	17
Shakspeare's Works (3 copies)	...	...	...	50
Tennyson's Poetical Works	...	...	...	20
Eliza Cook's Poems	...	...	...	13
Byron's Poetical Works	...	...	...	19
Ready-Money Mortiboy, by Besant and Rice (2 copies)	...	...	...	75
Madcap Violet, by Black (2 copies)	...	...	...	73
Lorna Doone, by Blackmore	...	...	...	23
Lady Audley's Secret, by Braddon (2 copies)	...	...	...	75
Called Back, by "Hugh Conway"...	...	...	...	48
John Halifax, by Craik (2 copies)	...	...	...	58
Mr. Isaacs, by Crawford	...	...	...	34
Pickwick Papers, by Dickens (3 copies)	...	...	...	95
David Copperfield, by Dickens (2 copies)	...	...	...	80
Adam Bede, by G. Eliot (2 copies)	...	...	...	76
Barbara's History, by Edwards (2 copies)	...	...	...	70
East Lynne, by Wood (4 copies)	...	...	...	100
John Inglesant, by Shorthouse	...	...	...	25
Vice Versâ, by Anstey (2 copies)	...	...	...	70
Malcolm, by Macdonald	...	...	...	40
A Grape from a Thorn, by Payn	...	...	...	42
Carlyle's Heroes and Hero-Worship	...	...	...	28
Mark Twain's Life on the Mississippi	...	...	...	27
Smiles's Character	...	...	...	20
Celebrities at Home (3 vols.)	...	...	...	32

NUMBER OF BORROWERS USING THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The Series of Tickets which commenced February 1st, 1884, expired on the 31st of January, 1886. At the date of the last Report 3,124 Borrowers' Tickets had been issued; at the close of the Series the number stood at 4,112. Of course, many of the Tickets in this issue had been given up; others had been lost and new Tickets issued to the same borrowers; so that the figures above given do not represent the real number of borrowers at that time using the Library. The average number of persons using the Lending Department throughout the year would probably be about 2,500. From February 1st to March 25th, 1886, 1,426 Tickets were issued in the New Series for 1886-7.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

To be found on the tables in the News Room and Reference Library.

Those marked thus * are presented.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2)	London Daily Telegraph
Birmingham Daily Mail (2)	London Standard
Birmingham Daily Post (2)	London Times
London Daily News	

WEEKLY.

*Alliance News	Local Government Chronicle
Athenæum	*Midland Counties Herald
*Birmingham & Aston Chronicle	*Moonshine
*Birmingham Owl	Musical World
Birmingham Weekly Post	Nature
Building News	New York Herald
*Contract Journal	Notes and Queries
Dublin Freeman's Journal	Phonetic Journal
Engineer	Pictorial World
English Mechanic	Punch
Fun	Saturday Review
Garden	School Board Chronicle
Gardening	Scientific American
Graphic	Scotsman
Harper's Weekly	Spectator
*Hereford Times	*Warwick and Warwickshire
Illustrated London News	Advertiser
*Journal of the Society of Arts	*Worcester Journal (Berrow's)
Land and Water	World
Literary World	

FORTNIGHTLY.

Melbourne Argus.

MONTHLY.

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| All the Year Round | *India-rubber and Gutta-percha
Trades Journal |
| Argosy | *Insurance |
| Art Journal | *Insurance Spectator |
| Atlantic Monthly | *Inventor |
| Belgravia | Leisure Hour |
| Blackwood's Magazine | *Liberator |
| Cassell's Magazine | London Society |
| Century Magazine (Scribner's) | Longman's Magazine |
| Chambers's Journal | Macmillan's Magazine |
| Contemporary Review | Magazine of Art |
| Cornhill Magazine | *Midland Railway Time Table |
| *Dietetic Reformer | Nineteenth Century |
| English Illustrated Magazine | *Orphan (Birmingham) |
| *Everybody's Time Table | *Our Magazine (Birmingham) |
| Fortnightly Review | Quiver |
| *Gas Engineer | Sunday at Home |
| Gentleman's Magazine | Sunday Magazine |
| Good Words | Temple Bar |
| *Great Western Railway Time
Tables | Time |
| Harper's Monthly Magazine | *Town Crier |
| Imperial Federation | *White & Pike's Railway Guide |

QUARTERLY.

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|---|---|
| Art Student (Birmingham) | *Proceedings of the Institution
of Civil Engineers |
| British Quarterly Review | Quarterly Review |
| Edinburgh Review | Westminster Review |
| Midland Antiquary | |
| *King Edward's School Chronicle
(Birmingham) | |

ANNUAL

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| Financial Reform Almanack | *Transactions of the Archæo-
logical Section, Birmingham
and Midland Institute |
| Statesmen's Year Book | |
| Whitaker's Almanack | |

BRANCH READING ROOM,

137, LICHFIELD ROAD,

Opened October 6th, 1883.

LIST OF PERIODICALS.

*Those marked thus * are presented.*

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2).	London Daily Telegraph.
Birmingham Daily Mail (2).	„ Standard.
Birmingham Daily Post (2).	„ Times (second day : from
*Birmingham Daily Times.	Central News Room).
London Daily News.	

WEEKLY.

*Birmingham & Aston Chronicle.	Gardening.
Birmingham Weekly Post.	Graphic.
Cassell's Saturday Journal.	Illustrated London News.
English Mechanic.	Literary World.
Fun.	*Midland Counties Herald.
Funny Folks.	Punch.

MONTHLY.

Argosy.	Good Words.
Band of Hope Review (2).	Leisure Hour.
British Workman.	London Society (second month).
Cassell's Magazine.	Longman's Magazine.
Contemporary Review (second month).	Macmillan's Magazine (second month).
Cornhill Magazine.	Nineteenth Century (second month).
Cottager and Artizan.	Sunday at Home.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Temple Bar (second month).
Fortnightly Review (second month).	

FREE LECTURES,

DELIVERED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FREE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, IN THE ALBERT ROAD
BOARD SCHOOL.

DATE.	LECTURER.	SUBJECT.
Oct. 6, 1885.	Mr. Osmond Airy.	Charles Kingsley.
" 20, "	Mr. T. Collins.	Epitaphs—Historical, Quaint and Whimsical. With Illustrative Drawings and Rubbings.
Nov. 3, "	The Rev. C. Dudley Lampen, M.A.	Sketches from the Lives of Great Musicians. With Musical Illustrations.
" 17, "	Mr. Robert K. Dent.	About in the World with Mark Twain. With Lime-Light Illustrations.
Dec. 1, "	Mr. Alderman S. Edwards.	The Chinese Empire.
" 15, "	Mr. A. W. Wills, J.P.	Some Low Forms of Life. With Illuminated Illustrations of the Flora and Fauna of Sutton Park.
" 29, "	Mr. W. Lummis.	Readings from the American Poets. Interspersed with Songs.
Jan. 12, 1886.	The Rev. H. W. Crosskey, F.G.S.	Some Wonders of Creation.—Near at Home, in the Midlands.
" 26, "	The Rev. F. W. Macdonald.	Glimpses of Life in England a Hundred Years Ago.
Feb. 9, "	The Rev. S. Fletcher Williams.	Charles Dickens.
" 23, "	The Rev. E. Dale Roberts, M.A.	Switzerland. With Lime-Light Illustrations.
Mar. 9, "	The Rev. W. Tuckwell, M.A.	The Birmingham Boulders and the Great Ice Age. With Illustrative Diagrams and Lime-Light Illustrations.
" 23, "	The Rev. T. J. Haworth, M.A.	Surnames: Their History and Formation.
April 6, "	The Rev. R. R. Rodgers.	Wanderings in America, from New York to the Rocky Mountains. With Lime-Light Illustrations.

DONATIONS.

ANONYMOUS—

Hooper's Revelation Expounded 2 vols. (2 copies.)

ASTON, T. H., Esq.—

Faith in God and Modern Atheism, by Buchanan, 2 vols.

BAGNALL, J. E., Esq. (The Author)—

Handbook of Mosses.

BIRMINGHAM, THE MAYOR OF—

Bunce's History of the Corporation, vol. 2 (2 copies).

BLAKE, W. F., Esq.—

Essays on International Policy (3 copies).

BRITISH MUSEUM, The Trustees of—

Catalogue of Fossil Mammalia, pts. 1 and 2.

Catalogue of Lizards, vols. 1 and 2.

Catalogue of Birds, vol. 10.

Medallic Illustrations of English History, 2 vols.

Catalogue of Indian Coins, vols. 1 and 2.

List of Cetacea.

Catalogue of Palæozoic Plants.

Three Small Guides to Natural History Museum.

CANADA, The Secretary for the Dominion of—

Annual Report of Department of Interior, 1884.

Report of the Minister of Agriculture, 1884.

Canada under the National Policy, 4to.

COBDEN CLUB, The—

Public Letters of John Bright.

Free Trade *versus* Fair Trade, by T. H. Farrer.

Life of Cobden, by Gowing.

Several Pamphlets.

COMMONS PRESERVATION SOCIETY, The—

Extracts from the Court Rolls of Wimbledon.

CUST, R. N., Esq. (The Author)—

Pamphlet on the Opium Question.

DOHERTY, H., Esq.—

Philosophy of History (2 works).

DOWNING, W., Esq.—

Seven Birmingham Books.

HARRISON, J., Esq. (The Author)—

Lawrence Hardiker : A Drama.

HARVEY, J., Esq., M.D.—

The Beginnings of Life, by Bastian (2 vols.)

LIBRARIES (FREE), Reports from—

Birmingham, Bradford, Cambridge, Cardiff, Dundee, Ealing, Glasgow (Mitchell), Glasgow (Stirling's), Leeds, Liverpool, Maimonides (New York), Manchester, Norwich, Nottingham, Preston, Richmond, St. Helens, Salford, South Shields, Southport (Atkinson), Swansea, Walsall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton.

LLOYD, Alderman G. B.;—

Transactions of the Institute of Civil Engineers (4 vols. and Index).

MAY, H., Esq., L.R.C.P.—

Provisional Order for the Formation of United Sanitary Authority.
Social Science Association Transactions (Birmingham, 1884).
One Novel.

MEYNELL, Mrs.—

Several Juvenile Books.

QUEENSLAND, The Government of—

Pugh's Queensland Almanack, 1885.
Handbook to Emigrants (2 copies).

REID, H. G., Esq., M.P. (The Author) —

Old Oscar.
Past and Present.
The Middlesborough Jubilee.
Life of the Rev. J. Skinner.
Eldmuir, by J. Thompson, jun.

RODWAY, A. J., Esq.—

Aston Park and Hall, Reports and Papers.
Old View of Birmingham about 1769, framed.
Geikie's Life of Christ (2 vols.)

SCRATCHLEY, A., Esq. (The Author)—

Scratchley's Treatise on Friendly Societies, 13th edition.

SMITH, Rev. F., M.A.—

In the Alsatian Mountains, by Lec.
Rambles in North-west America, by Murphy.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, The—

Annual Report of the Board of Regents, 1883.

STONE, J. H., Esq., J.P.—

Large Framed Deed relating to the Holte Estates, 1620, with Autograph of Sir Thomas Holte.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM —

Calendar of the University, 1886.

WOLVERHAMPTON FREE LIBRARY COMMITTEE—

Four Sheets of the Ordnance Survey. (South Staffordshire.)

YATES, R. P., Esq., J.P.—

Fifty-three Volumes of Travels, *including* Cook's Voyages, 7 vols. ; Travels in Africa, by Livingstone, Speke, Du Chailla, Pinto, and Krapf ; Grey's Australia ; Gray's China, 2 vols. ; Edwards's Untrodden Peaks ; Parkyn's Abyssinia, 2 vols., etc.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year ending March 25th, 1886.

Dr.		Receipts.		Cr.	
1886.					
March 25.	To Rate at 1d. in the £	...	...	71	18 11
"	" Fines ...	...	...	49	1 10
"	" Class Lists and Tickets	...	...	55	18 0
"	" Waste Paper	...	...	8	13 6
				31	17 5
Balance borne by General District Rate				5	8 3
				91	12 0
				4	14 0
				53	14 8
				154	18 0
				14	0 6
				541	17 1
				17	3 1
				16	15 11
				19	18 2
				0	10 1
				54	7 3
				596	4 4



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OF THE
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MARCH 26TH, 1886, TO MARCH 25TH, 1887.

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REPORT.

THE Free Libraries Committee have much pleasure in presenting their Ninth Annual Report of the work of the Library,—a work which unquestionably demonstrates the continued success and usefulness of the Library and its auxiliary departments as an educational institution.

The Reference Department has been enriched by the addition of 183 volumes of State Papers, Chronicles, and Memorials of Great Britain, the gift of Her Majesty's Stationery Department,—and by the purchase of a number of valuable and important works, selected by the Committee with a view to the strengthening of the various classes represented in the Library. Among the donations to this department, mention should also be made of the *Descriptive Account of the Guildhall*, a handsome folio volume enriched with nearly fifty plates, facsimiles of rare maps and prints, ancient MSS., etc., produced under the direction of the Corporation of the City of London, by whom it was presented to the Library.

The Committee would respectfully point out that the Reference Department is unfortunately deficient in good standard editions of the original texts of the Classics, and that as the amount which can be devoted to the purchase of books for this department is very small, they would be thankful to meet with any of these as gifts to the Library.

The Lending Department continues to increase in popularity, the number of volumes issued therefrom being 94,979, an increase of 21,000 over the highest annual return of any former year since the formation of the Library. This is partly due, no doubt, to the publication of the new Catalogue and of the complete series of Class-Lists, and partly to the constant addition of new works of interest as early as possible after publication.

The attendance at the News Rooms has also been largely in excess of former years, so much so that the Committee have found it necessary to make several alterations and improvements in the Central News Room to afford additional accomodation, and to prevent overcrowding. Several important periodicals have been added to the list of those already taken, chief among them being, *The Queen*, *Knowledge*, *The Portfolio*, and *Public Opinion*. Gifts of flowers, and of several framed prints, have been received for the News Rooms during the year, and these have helped to make the rooms brighter and more cheerful than heretofore.

The popularity of the Free Lectures has been fully maintained, and even increased, by the excellent course of Lectures just completed, of which a list is given on page 14 of this Report.

Lists of books added to the Reference and Lending Departments, Donations, Tables and Examples of Issues, the Financial Statement, and other information, are added to this Report.

JOHN HARVEY, M.D.,

Chairman.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

OPENED JANUARY 4th, 1882.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.

March 25th, 1887.

	MAPS, &c.	VOLS.	PAMPHLETS.	TOTAL.
Theology and Philosophy .. .. .	..	267	7	274
British Topography .. .. .	..	275	29	304
Maps, Prints, etc.	30	..	..	30
Books, etc., relating to Aston	2	28	84	104
Directories .. .. .	..	7	..	7
History, Geography and Travel, and Foreign Topography	808	7	..	815
Biography .. .. .	..	202	..	202
Law Politics, Statistics and Social Science .. .. .	..	77	57	134
Arts and Sciences .. .. .	..	659	36	695
Natural History, Physical Science, etc. .. .. .	..	383	3	386
Dictionaries and Encyclopædias .. .. .	..	105	..	105
Poetry and the Drama .. .. .	..	251	..	251
General Literature—including complete sets of various Authors, Libraries, etc. .. .. .	..	690	43	733
Prose Fiction .. .. .	..	80	..	80
Periodicals .. .. .	..	283	..	283
Total	32	4105	266	4403

Contents of Reference Library, on the 25th March, 1886	32	3655	173	3860
Number added during the year ending March 25th, 1887	..	450	93	543
	32	4105	266	4403

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Date.	Theology and Philosophy	Geography, Voyages, and Travels, etc.	History.	Biography	British Topography	Law, Politics, Political Economy, etc.	Art and Science.	Natural History and Physical Sciences.	General Literature.	Poetry and the Drama.	Dictionaries and Encyclopædias.	Periodicals.	Consulting Books.	Total
1886														
Mar. 26 to 31	18	16	30	4	14	—	31	7	65	6	8	49	27	275
April	71	95	126	28	90	27	198	63	310	47	14	240	136	1445
May	83	54	110	21	72	17	197	58	221	58	19	168	130	1208
June	80	47	62	37	57	9	165	39	189	31	32	127	145	1020
July	78	69	73	28	72	12	162	76	195	43	26	134	152	1120
August	97	78	98	34	99	7	229	72	271	50	11	119	164	1329
September ..	81	63	64	17	47	4	288	69	138	79	27	129	139	1145
October	77	109	121	22	35	11	256	106	157	96	16	208	102	1316
November ..	86	143	136	41	27	16	339	61	270	80	40	191	140	1570
December ..	49	117	121	34	28	7	220	68	217	50	21	191	106	1229
1887														
January	96	151	123	35	63	5	255	108	283	93	11	306	119	1648
February	128	136	139	26	63	3	213	144	298	91	54	200	90	1585
March 1 to 25	133	118	107	20	37	8	149	80	222	69	26	220	129	1318
	1077	1196	1310	347	704	126	2702	951	2836	793	305	2282	1579	16208

Number of days open—305. Daily Average—53.

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT DURING THE YEAR.

Calendars of State Papers, 22 vols.; State Papers, temp Henry VIII, 11 vols.; Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain (Publications of the Record Office,) 143 vols.; Stothard's Monumental Effigies of Great Britain; Warren's Arms of the Episcopates; Price's Descriptive Account of the Guildhall, London; Fosbrook's British Monachism; Maine's Early Law and Custom; Maine's Village Communities; Seebohn's Village Communities; Hallam's Middle Ages, 3 vols.; Froissart's Chronicles, 2 vols.; Picturesque Palestine, 4 vols.

Boswell's Life of Johnson, 10 vols.; Fleay's Life of Shakespeare; Brown's Life of Bunyan; Stephens' Dictionary of National Biography, vols. 1 to 5; Cellini's Autobiography, 2 vols.

Waring's Masterpieces of Industrial Art, 3 vols.; Perrot and Chipiez' History of Art in Egypt, Chaldaea, Phoenicia, etc., 6 vols.; Dunn's Notes and Sketches of an Architect; Pugin's Floriated Ornament, and Ornamental Gables; Cassell's Fine Art Library, 3 vols.; Ruskin's Time and Tide, and Crown of Wild Olive; Cooke's Etchings of Shipping and Craft; La Brique Ordinaire, par Lacroux; Shaw's Glazier's Booke; Electricity in the Service of Man, (Cassell); Higgs' Magnetic and Dynamo Engines; Macgregor's Gas Engines; Maier's Arc and Glow Lamps; Kapp's Electric Transmission of Energy; Newton's Principia, (Sir W. Thomson's Reprint); Herring's Paper and Paper Making; Lectures on Hydro-Mechanics, (Inst. Civil Engineers.)

Geikie's Pre-historic Europe; Nicholson's Zoology; Midland Naturalist, 5 vols.; Cohn's Hygiene of the Eye; Norris's Physiology and Pathology of the Blood; Shaw's Book of the Dog; Wright's Poultry Book.

St. Augustine's Works, edited by Dods, 15 vols.; Hooker's Works, ed. by Keble, 3 vols.; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul, 2 vols.; Trumbull's Kadesh-Barnea; Stanley's Sinai and Palestine; Stanley's Jewish and Eastern Churches, 4 vols.; Robertson Smith on the Old Testament in the Jewish Church; Brace's Gesta Christi.

Thackeray's Complete Works, Standard Edition, 26 vols.; Hallam's Literary History, 4 vols.; Lowndes' Bibliographer's Manual, (Bohn's Edition,) 4 vols.; Cox's Aryan Mythology, 2 vols.; Swinburne's Miscellanies; Browning's later Poems, 8 vols.; Matthew Arnold's Poems, 3 vols.; Massinger and Ford's Dramatic Works; Martin's Horace, 2 vols.; Conington's Virgil: The Æneid. (*The Georgics, etc., wanted.*)

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Opened February 4th, 1878.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES IN THE LENDING LIBRARY.

March 25th, 1887.

Theology and Moral Philosophy	307
Biography, History, Topography, Voyages and Travels	720
Law, Political Economy, Social Science, etc.	51
Arts, Sciences, and Natural History	363
Abridgments of Patent Specifications	101
Poetry and the Drama	200
Fiction	2399
Miscellaneous Literature	678
Magazines, Reviews, etc.,	1219
Music	135
Juvenile Literature	528
Duplicate Volumes of Magazines in News Room	63
Total	6764
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Total of Lending Department, March, 1886	6399
No. of Vols. added to Lending Department during the year	365
Total	6764

PRINCIPAL ADDITIONS TO THE LENDING LIBRARY

During the Year.

The Origin of the World according to Revelation and Science, by Sir J. W. Dawson.

Autobiography of James Nasmyth, edited by Smiles; Life and Times of St. Bernard, by J. Cottier Morison; Life of Lord Lytton, by his son, 2 vols.; English Worthies, 4 vols. (in continuation); Life of Charles Mathews, by C. Dickens, jun., 2 vols.; Life of Brnuel, by his son.

The Transvaal of To-day, by Aylward; Oceana, by Froude, (2 copies); Via Cornwall to Egypt, by Gordon-Cumming; Granite Crags, by Gordon-Cumming; In the Hebrides, by Gordon-Cumming; America Re-visited, by G. A. Sala; Artists and Arabs, by Blackburn; Her Majesty's Colonies, (Original Papers issued by the Royal Commission); India Re-visited by E. Arnold; Three Months in the Soudan, by Sartorius; General History of Rome, by Merivale.

Geological Sketches, by Geikie; Alpine Flowers for English Gardens, by Robinson.

Selections from Robert Browning's Works, (2nd Series); Selections from E. B. Browning's Poetry, (2nd Series); Goethe's Faust, by Bayard Taylor; The Epic of Hades, Songs Unsung, and Songs of Two Worlds, by Lewis Morris; Locksley Hall, Sixty Years After, by Tennyson.

Mrs. Argles's Novels, (9 vols.); R. N. Carey's Novels, (5 vols.); G. Manville Fenn's Novels, (7 vols.); M. C. Hay's Novels (12 vols.); Edna Lyall's Novels, (2 sets of 4 vols. each); Dora Russell's Novels, (5 vols.); W. Westall's Novels, (4 vols.) Recent Novels by Mrs. Alexander, Grant Allen, F. Anstey, S. Baring Gould, H. Rider Haggard, J. MacCarthy, G. MacDonald, D. Christie Murray, W. E. Norris, Mrs. Oliphant, J. Payn, W. C. Russell, J. H. Shorthouse, R. L. Stevenson, F. E. Trollope, E. J. Worboise, and others.

Readings in Babelais, by Pesant; Short Studies, by Froude, (4th Series); Colin Clout's Calendar, by Grant Allen; Private Life of the Ancient Greeks, by Becker; Roman Scenes in the Time of Augustus, by Becker; History of Classical Literature, by Mahaffy; How to be happy though married; Holiday Tasks, by Payn; Shakespeare's England, by Winter.

Principal Additions to the Musical Section.

Anderton's Yule-Tide; Barnett's Mountain Sylph; Bellini's La Sonnambula; Benedict's Lily of Killarney; Bizet's Carmen; Gluck's Operas, (2); Gounod's Faust; Liszt's Legend of St. Elizabeth; Massenet's Manon; Meyerbeer's Le Prophete; Songs of England, (2 vols.); Numerous Songs; Sacred Songs, Ancient and Modern; Songs of Scotland; Stanford's Canterbury Pilgrims; Goring Thomas's Nadeshda; Ambroise Thomas's Carmen; Verdi's Aida; Novello's Series of Musical Primers, (25 vols.)

TABLE OF ISSUES IN THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

From March 26th, 1886, to March 25th, 1887.

DATE.	Theology, etc.	Biography, History, etc.	Law, Politics, etc.	Arts and Sciences.	Poetry and the Drama.	Fiction.	Miscellaneous Literature.	Magazines.	Juvenile Books.	Unbound Periodicals.	Renewals, etc.	Music.	Total	Days Open	Daily Average
1886															
March 26 to 31	5	55	1	31	7	771	30	76	236	10	141	20	1383	5	276
April ..	17	248	8	94	64	3835	132	432	1069	79	709	124	6811	23	296
May ..	33	244	10	117	70	4213	147	509	1205	79	767	158	7552	26	290
June ..	31	208	4	71	51	4031	136	466	1160	84	833	138	7213	25	288
July ..	27	182	3	64	48	4022	145	475	1131	79	874	139	7189	27	266
August ..	31	177	5	82	39	4079	132	455	1125	81	689	152	7047	25	281
September ..	25	198	2	88	50	4282	138	543	1117	63	874	140	7520	26	289
October ..	23	271	2	89	78	4728	192	634	1273	81	891	128	8390	26	322
November ..	41	337	4	133	98	5043	187	689	1331	86	899	118	8969	26	344
December ..	35	301	9	85	65	4493	173	663	1107	60	851	80	7922	24	330
1887															
January ..	37	352	5	102	76	4931	213	794	1351	65	812	89	8827	26	339
February ..	42	283	4	115	44	4676	220	768	1392	85	950	107	8686	24	301
March 1 to 25	42	251	2	102	59	4218	176	674	1076	93	684	93	7470	21	355
	389	3107	59	1173	749	53322	2021	7178	14576	945	9974	1486	94979*	304	312

*Total number of volumes issued, 94,979; or counting by works instead of volumes, 94,906.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES

ISSUED FROM THE

Lending & Reference Departments,

Since the Opening of the Library.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Feb. 4th, 1878, to March 25th, 1879	...	...	75,036
March 26th, 1879, to March 25th, 1880	..	...	70,914
.. .. 1880, 1881	...	...	67,583
.. .. 1881, 1882	...	...	66,092
.. .. 1882, 1883	...	...	75,395
.. .. 1883, 1884	...	...	69,247
.. .. 1884, 1885	...	...	77,219
.. .. 1885, 1886	...	...	73,368
.. .. 1886, 1887	...	..	94,979
			<hr/> 669,833

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Jan. 4th, to March 25th, 1882	...	..	2,109
March 26th, 1882, to March 25th, 1883	...	...	8,096
.. .. 1883, 1884	...	...	11,041
.. .. 1884, 1885	...	...	12,380
.. .. 1885, 1886	...	...	14,599
.. .. 1886, 1887	...	...	16,208
			<hr/> 64,433

Grand Total of Issues in both Departments since the Opening of the Library	<hr/> 734,266
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NUMBER OF BORROWERS USING THE LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Of the series of Tickets now in use, 1, 426 were issued previous to March 26th, 1886; during the past year, (to March 25th, 1887,) 1,966 additional tickets were issued, making a total of 3,392 borrowers tickets in use at the close of the library year 1886-7.

ESTIMATED USE OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

Actual No. of issues in the Reference Department	...	16,208
" " " " Lending Department...	...	94,979
Estimated Daily Average attendance at the Central Reading Room, 400 during 305 days	...	122,000
" Daily Average attendance at the Branch Reading Room, 100 during 305 days	...	30,500
" Total attendance at the fourteen Free Lectures		5,200
		268,887

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE DURING 1886-7 AS COMPARED WITH THAT OF 1885-6.

	1885-6	1886-7
Number of consultations of Books in the Reference Department	14,599	16,208
" " Volumes issued for Home Reading	73,368	94 979
" " Renewals of Books	8,164	9,974
Daily Average issue : Reference :	49	53
" " " Lending :	250	312
Number of Days Open	293	304
" " Borrowers Tickets issued	2,414*	1,966
Amount received : Fines	£32 3 10	£40 19 1
" " Sales of Catalogues and Class-Lists	7 1 9	7 13 11

*Of which, 988 expired Jan. 1st, 1886; the remainder are still in use.

LIST OF PERIODICALS

To be found on the tables in the News Room and Reference Library.

Those marked thus * are presented.

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2)	London Daily News
„ Daily Mail (2)	„ Daily Telegraph
„ Daily Post (2)	„ Standard
„ Daily Times	„ Times

WEEKLY.

*Alliance News	Local Government Chronicle
*Aston Times	*Midland Counties Herald
Athenæum	*Moonshine
*Birmingham & Aston Chronicle	Musical World
*Birmingham Owl	Nature
Birmingham Weekly Post	New York Herald
Building News	Notes and Queries
*Civil Service Times	Phonetic Journal
*Contract Journal	Pictorial World
Dublin Freeman's Journal	Public Opinion
Engineer	Punch
English Mechanic	Queen
Fun	Saturday Review
Garden	School Board Chronicle
Gardening	Scientific American
Graphic	Scotsman
Harper's Weekly	Spectator
*Hereford Times	*Warwick and Warwickshire
Illustrated London News	Advertiser
*Journal of the Society of Arts	*Worcester Journal (Berrow's)
Land and Water	World
Literary World.	

MONTHLY.

All the Year Round	*India-rubber and Gutta-percha Trades Journal
Argosy	* Insurance
Art Journal	* Inventor
Atlantic Monthly	Knowledge
Belgravia	Leisure Hour
Blackwood's Magazine	*Liberator
*Bookseller	London Society
Cassell's Magazine	Longman's Magazine
Century Magazine	Macmillan's Magazine
*Chamber of Commerce Journal	Magazine of Art
Chambers' Journal	*Midland Railway Time Table
Contemporary Review	Nineteenth Century
Cornhill Magazine	*Our Magazine (Birmingham)
*Dietetic Reformer	Portfolio
English Illustrated Magazine	Quiver
*Everybody's Time Table	*Registrar General's list of Deceased Seamen
Fortnightly Review	Sunday at Home
*Gas Engineer	Sunday Magazine
Gentleman's Magazine	Temple Bar
Good Words	Time
*Great Western Railway Time Tables	White & Pike's Railway Guide
Harper's Monthly Magazine	
*Imperial Federation	

QUARTERLY.

Art Student (Birmingham)	*Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers
Edinburgh Review	Quarterly Review
Midland Antiquary	
*King Edward's School Chronicle (Birmingham)	Westminster Review

ANNUAL.

Birmingham Red Book	Whittaker's Almanack
Financial Reform Almanack	*Transactions of the Archaeological Section, Birmingham and Midland Institute
Hazell's Annual Cyclopædia	
Statesmen's Year book	

BRANCH READING ROOM,

137, LICHFIELD ROAD,

Opened October 6th, 1883.

LIST OF PERIODICALS.

*Those marked thus * are presented.*

DAILY.

Birmingham Daily Gazette (2)	London Daily Telegraph
„ Daily Mail (2)	„ Standard
„ Daily Post (2)	„ Times (Second day: from Central News Room)
London Daily News	

WEEKLY.

*Aston Times	Gardening
*Birmingham & Aston Chronicle	Graphic
Birmingham Weekly Post	Illustrated London News
Cassell's Saturday Journal	Literary World
English Mechanic	*Midland Counties Herald
Fun	Punch
Funny Folks	

MONTHLY.

Argosy	Good Words
Band of Hope Review (2)	Leisure Hour
British Workman	London Society (2nd. month)
Cassell's Magazine	Longman's Magazine
Contemporary Review (2nd. month)	Macmillan's Magazine (2nd. month)
Cornhill Magazine	Nineteenth Century (2nd. month)
Cottager and Artizan	Sunday at Home
English Illustrated Magazine	Temple Bar (2nd. month)

FREE LECTURES,

DELIVERED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FREE LIBRARIES COMMITTEE, IN THE
ALBERT ROAD BOARD SCHOOL.

DATE.	LECTURER.	SUBJECT.
Oct. 5, 1886.	Mr. J. Bickerton Williams.	Warwickshire and its Associations. With Lime-Light Illustrations
" 19, "	Mr. A. W. Wills, J.P.	The Mutual Relations of Plants and Insects. Illustrated by Illuminated Diagrams.
Nov. 2, "	The Rev H. J. Palmer, M.A.	Monte Rosa and its Surroundings. With Lime-Light Illustrations.
" 16, "	Mr. C. T. Cox.	An Artist's Rambles in North Wales. With Lime-Light Illustrations.
" 30, "	The Rev. W. Tuckwell, M.A.	A Day on the Hills. With Lime-Light Illustrations.
Dec. 14, "	The Rev. J. Phelps Gardner, D.D.	Life among the Red Indians With Lime-Light Illustrations.
" 30, "	The Rev. F. Smith, M.A.	Reading: Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol." With Lime-Light Illustrations, and a Selection of Carols by a Choir.
Jan. 4, 1887.	Mr. W. J. Dent.	Recital: Scenes Grave and Gay from English Literature.
" 18, "	Mr. Stephen S. Stratton.	Nicolo Paganini. With Musical Illustrations on the Violin by Mr. F. Ward.
Feb. 1, "	The Rev. P. Colborne.	Bird Life in British Guiana. With Illustrative Specimens.
" 15, "	Mr. Thos. Collins.	Curiosities of Costume. With Lime Light Illustrations.
Mar. 1, "	The Rev. John Long.	The Songs of Shakespeare. With Musical Illustrations by a Choir.
" 15, "	Mr. Joseph Landor.	The Sun. With Lime-Light Illustrations.
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1887.	March 25.	To Rate at 1d. in the £ ..	559 3 5	By Books ..	113 12 6	
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				Cleaning, Fuel, Water, &c. ..	90 0 0	
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				Clock and Ladder ..	3 9 0	
				Wenham Lamp Fittings ..	3 8 6	
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The Lending Department is open for the delivery and return of Books from TEN o'clock in the morning until NINE o'clock in the Evening.

Books can be taken out of the Library only by persons resident, employed in, or rated for the Manor of Aston.

All persons whose names appear on the rate-book of the Manor of Aston as ratepayers are entitled to borrow books on their own responsibility; all others are required to obtain the signature of one ratepayer to the following voucher:

"I, the undersigned, being a ratepayer resident in Aston Manor, declare that I believe
No. _____ occupation _____ age _____ of _____
to be a person to whom Books may be safely entrusted for perusal; and I hereby undertake to replace or to pay the value of any Book belonging to the Aston Public Libraries Committee which shall be lost or materially injured by the said borrower."

Any person having signed this engagement, who shall desire to withdraw from it, must give notice thereof in writing to the Librarian, who will give a release, as soon as he shall have ascertained that no liability has been incurred.

Time allowed for reading each book, *Seven days*, including the day of issue. Books taken out on any day of the week are due back the same day of the next week.

All books borrowed must be returned to the Library within the time specified on the respective covers, under a penalty of one penny for the whole or any portion of the first week, and one penny for each week or portion of a week afterwards.

Any book may be changed on the *second* day of issue *after* that on which it was received.

Books may be renewed by giving the number and class-letter and the date of issue. No book can be renewed more than once, if required by another borrower.

Borrowers' Tickets are not transferable. No book can be issued without the presentation of the Ticket.

Borrowers leaving the Manor, or ceasing to use the Library, are requested to return their Tickets to the Librarian, in order to have them cancelled, otherwise they and their guarantors will be held responsible for any book taken out in their names.

Borrowers, when they change their residence, are required to give notice of the same, with their present address, to the Librarian, otherwise they will lose their right of borrowing books.

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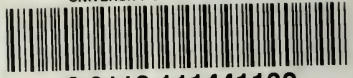
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